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Hayden Froehlich, 5, sits on the shoulders of his father, Maj. Eric Froehlich, as they enjoy the Thunderbirds practice show at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam on Saturday.

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States

California wildfire evacuations: As wildfires ravaged the mountains east of Los Angeles last fall, not everyone joined the tens of thousands of evacuees who fled clutching pets, photos and heirlooms.

Scores of residents ignored mandatory evacuation orders so they could defend their homes, while dozens of others looted, watched the fires or just meandered around.

They were more than a nuisance, according to officials in the San Bernardino Mountains. By distracting manpower from fire lines and safety patrols, they created a hazard that the local sheriff's deputies warns won't be tolerated this fire season.

FDA labeling of antidepressants: U.S. government health advisers in Washington considered Monday whether strong warning labels are needed on antidepressants because they have been linked to suicidal tendencies among children who take them.

Among the witnesses was Dr. Andrew Mosholder, the Food and Drug Administration epidemiologist who last summer stumbled across the link and was prevented from testifying about it during a February meeting. Mosholder received data in May 2003 that suggested a link between the Glaxo-SmithKline's drug Paxil and increased suicidal actions among children taking the antidepressant.

World

U.N. role against terror: Military experts meeting Monday at a defense trade fair in Pakistan urged more international cooperation and a bigger role for the United Nations in tackling the threat of terrorism worldwide.

Maj. Gen. Zhu Shen Hu, a former director of the Strategic Institute at the University of Beijing, warned that terrorists were expanding their networks, making global security a more difficult task.

In an apparent poke at the United States, Zhu expressed concern that some countries might widen their influence and interfere in the affairs of smaller countries under the pretext of the international war on terrorism.

Sudan atrocities: The European Union moved closer Monday to backing a U.N. investigation into whether the atrocities in the Darfur region constitutes genocide, highlighting growing impatience with Sudan for failing to end the conflict there.

A draft statement by the 25 EU foreign ministers in Brussels, Belgium, urged human rights investigators from the United Nations to determine if genocide was taking



Hong Kong elections: Pro-democracy candidates Margaret Ng, center, and Audrey Eu, right, congratulate each other for winning seats in Hong Kong's legislative council Monday at the election vote counting center in Hong Kong. A record 1.78 million voters turned out Sunday for an election that apparently sent more pro-democracy politicians to the legislature, but not as many as Beijing's allies had feared.

place, an EU official said. The draft was expected to be approved later Monday.

Israeli pullout from Gaza: Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called for a national referendum on the government's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip, saying Monday a vote would help unify a bitterly divided nation.

Netanyahu's support gave sudden momentum to an idea that has been pushed in recent weeks by opponents to a withdrawal.

Kosovo peacekeeping mission: The NATO-led peacekeeping mission in Kosovo will boost troop levels in the ethnically tense province ahead of next month's general elections, its commander said Monday.

About 2,000 troops from Germany, France and Italy temporarily will join the 18,000-strong peacekeeping force, said Lt. Gen. Yves de Kermabon, a Frenchman who assumed command of the force earlier this month.

Gay marriage in New Zealand: Pope John Paul II told New Zealand bishops visiting Vatican City on Monday that efforts to equate marriage between man and woman to other forms of cohabitation violated "God's plan for humanity."

The pope did not specifically mention it, but New Zealand's parliament has been de-

bating proposed legislation that would grant "civil union" status to couples — both same-sex and heterosexual — who live together, giving them many of the same rights as married couples.

Thatcher investigation: Lawyers for Sir Mark Thatcher are taking steps to prevent him from answering questions under oath about his alleged involvement in a failed coup plot in Equatorial Guinea, a senior legal representative said Monday.

The son of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was served with a subpoena last week following a request from the attorney general's office in Equatorial Guinea.

War on terrorism

American jailers in Afghanistan: An attorney for one of three Americans charged with torturing Afghans on a vigilante hunt for terrorists said Monday the men were not getting a fair trial.

Chaotic procedures and error-strewn and absent translation of court proceedings and documents were hampering a proper defense, lawyer Robert Fogelstein said.

Jonathan Idema, Edward Caraballo and Brent Bennett were arrested July 5 when Afghan forces stormed a house in Kabul, finding eight men who complained they had been tortured.

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Wheel failure blamed in Hornet emergency



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The F/A-18D Hornet shown on the Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station runway was about 15 minutes from landing Aug. 27 when the right rear landing gear malfunctioned.

BY GREG TYLER
Stars and Stripes

Marine officials said Monday that an isolated material failure forced an F/A-18D Hornet pilot to conduct an emergency landing Aug. 27 at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan.

"The jet's right rear landing wheel did not deploy and resulted in an arrested landing," base officials stated in a release Monday.

"This was an isolated incident specific to this type of aircraft that resulted only in minor damage to an empty external fuel tank upon completion of the landing," the release stated. "At no

time during this landing was the local community in any danger. We regret any anxiety this may have caused the local community."

The malfunction caused the \$28 million Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225 aircraft to land using an arresting cable spread across the runway at about 5 p.m. The plane landed safely, with no injuries reported.

Only minor damage was done to the right external fuel tank, the release stated, adding that the tank is replaceable and not considered part of the aircraft body.

The pilots were alerted to the malfunction about 15 minutes before touch-down. They notified

flight line personnel; a dozen rescue and firefighting Marines arrived on two P-19 fire trucks and one rescue vehicle in preparation for the landing.

Once the pilots were safely out of the aircraft, maintenance crews lifted the plane with a crane and manually opened the landing gear. The aircraft later was towed back to the squadron's hangar.

The mechanism is being replaced and proper safety precautions taken; once completed, the aircraft will return to flight, according to the release.

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Latest B-52 rotation arrives on Guam

Stars and Stripes

Bombers from the United States will continue their mission on Guam for at least another four months, officials confirmed Monday.

Andersen Air Force Base welcomed 250 airmen and six B-52s from the 2nd Bomb Wing, 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., this weekend for the start of a 120-day Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotation, according to an Andersen news release.

The airmen replaced those from the 96th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron — also part of the 2nd Bomb Wing — who deployed to Andersen on May 25 for a 90-day rotation.

The new unit is the third of four existing B-52 bomber squadrons in the U.S. Air Force to deploy to Guam as part of continuous bomber rotations directed earlier this year by Pacific Command leaders.

"America's airpower [has] enabled a show of freedom and resolve around the globe," stated Col. Eldon Woodie, 36th Expeditionary Operations Group commander.

Of the unit that just left Guam, Woodie stated: "Despite some weather difficulties, the team produced more than 130 B-52 sorties, which flew in numerous joint and coalition exercises and dropped hundreds of munitions."

The bomber deployment enhances regional security and underscores the U.S. commitment to the Western Pacific, Andersen officials stated in the release. The addition of B-52 bombers to Guam gives the PACOM commander short-notice global strike and strategic engagement capabilities that otherwise would not exist in the region, officials stated.

The rotational deployment also increases training opportunities that integrate B-52 bomber operations into PACOM's joint and coalition exercises from forward-operating bases such as Andersen, according to the release.

T-Birds bring kids sky-high good time

BY FRANK WHITMAN
Special to Stars and Stripes

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Thunderbirds hosted children from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Guam Special Olympics and the Autism Parent Support Group during a practice session Saturday, the day before the aerial demonstration team performed at an open house here.

"This is great — his eyes were glued to the whole thing," said David Dell'Isola of his 6-year-old son, Mark.

Mark beamed as he clutched the Thunderbird delta-formation pin that just had been pinned on his shirt by Capt. Steven Rolenc, Thunderbird public affairs officer.

The Dell'Isolas are part of the autism support group.

"We wouldn't have been able to come to the show tomorrow," Dell'Isola said, adding that his son "couldn't handle the crowds. I'm really grateful to the Air Force for doing this."

Thunderbird team members said they find interacting with the children a rewarding part of their tours.

"Just to put a smile on their faces and bring some happiness to their lives, this is a special thing for us," said Lt. Col. Michael Chandler, Thunderbird commander. "It's something we don't take for granted because we enjoy that part of the job, we really do."

About 40 children and their families gaped, applauded, cheered and smiled as the Thunderbirds put on their usual display of impeccable precision flying.

Following the performance, pilots and other team members mingled with the children, distributing souvenirs, signing autographs

The Air Force Thunderbirds



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Capt. Steven Rolenc, Thunderbirds public affairs officer, poses with 6-year-old Mark Dell'Isola following the Thunderbirds' practice show at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, on Saturday.

and answering questions.

"It was good," said 10-year-old Ezra Sumerfleck, also with the autism group. "All planes are my favorite."

The practice performance was preceded by a re-enlistment ceremony. The children were invited to join the audience as Chandler officiated, re-enlisting 13 airmen on the flight line beside his jet.

Among those re-enlisting was Tech Sgt. Leslie Sukup. The Michigan native initially enlisted in 1993 at a similar ceremony officiated by the Thunderbirds during an air show at now-defunct Wrightsmuir Air Force Base, Mich.

Andersen spokeswoman Maj. Kris Meyle said more than 26,000 people attended Sunday's open house, the first time the base had been opened to the public since heightened security was instituted following the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks on the United States.

Guam was the first stop on the team's 2004 Pacific tour. The team is to perform next in South Korea, at Kunsan Air Base, on Sept. 17 and Osan Air Base two days later.

A Sept. 15 show scheduled for Kadena Air Base was canceled to honor "local sensibilities," in the wake of an Aug. 13 helicopter crash on Okinawa.

The team moves from Japan to perform at Hyakuri, Misawa and Hamamatsu bases on Sept. 26 and 30 and Oct. 3. The Japan tour coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force.

In 1997, the Blue Impulse, the JASDF demonstration precision flying team, helped the U.S. Air Force celebrate its 50th, Rolenc said.

"So we're happy to return the favor and be a part of their history," he said. "It shows our joint commitment to defending freedom."

Misawa air lot sale

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — The Misawa Commissary is to hold its September case lot sale on Friday and Saturday during regular 9 a.m.-7 p.m. store hours.

The sale is part of the Defense Commissary Agency's fourth annual "World's Biggest Case Lot Sale" at bases around the world. Many items at Misawa's sale are under \$10, from cases of fabric softener to orange juice and brownie mix, commissary officials said.

In conjunction with the case lot sale, the Misawa Commissary also will run a produce market from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Many fruits and vegetables typically for sale in the commissary will be marked down, said Ed Kleckner, grocery manager.

"We're going to get produce that folks want and reduce the price as best as we can," he said.

Weather permitting, both the case lot sale and produce market will be outside.

Call DSN 226-3482 for more information.

Theater closed for upgrades

SAEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — The Showboat Theater will be closed until Sept. 24 for a major renovation project to include installing seats and flooring and making other improvements.

Movies will be scheduled at the Hario Village Theater daily during the renovation project.

Golf tournament sign-up

SAEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — You still have time to sign up for the POW/MIA Golf Tournament at the Tsukumo Golf Course on Saturday.

The singles handicap scoring system will be used, with awards for the top golfer in each handicap flight, plus closest to pins, longest drives and gorillas.

Entry is \$5.55 green fees. Sign up at the Fleet Fitness Center or call DSN 252-3588 for more information.

Karate City day tour

SAEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Base residents have been invited to tour Karatsu, a Kyushu coast city with beaches and castles about 30 miles from Sasebo.

Cost for the Saturday trip is \$16 for adults, \$12 for children 4 to 14 and \$6 for children 3 and younger.

Call DSN 252-3433 for more information.

From staff reports

Experiment to bring protection to the field

Troops in Iraq to get new weapons systems by summer

By SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — A new sheriff is coming to town.

The Pentagon's Office of Force Transformation is designing a combined lethal and nonlethal weapons system to be fielded to Army and Marine Corps units in Iraq by summer, in an experiment called "Project Sheriff."

The concept is to retrofit ground vehicles already in the services' inventories with an array of new lethal and nonlethal systems, giving troops working in urban terrain more options, especially when deciding how to deal with potential noncombatants or civilians being used as shields, said program director and transformation strategist Col. Wade Hall, a 23-year veteran of the Marine Corps.

Like a sheriff, Hall says. "He's not there to cause destruction. He's there to keep the peace, but has the option to go to destruction status if he needs it," Hall said.

The Pentagon hopes to launch the system in Iraq in June or July, equipping four

to six Army and Marine Corps vehicles with a combination of off-the-shelf technology and systems being developed.

Vehicles under consideration include the Army's new Stryker armored personnel carrier or the Armored Security Vehicle, or ASV, and the Marine Corps' Light Armored Vehicle, or LAV, already proven to work well in cities, said Hall.

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A goal of the Office of Force Transformation is to cut through the years and years it used to take the department to introduce a new system, he said, while assuring that the technology employed is well-studied and the office is not sacrificing safety for the sake of speed.

Designers see the systems being used for missions such as armed reconnaissance, raids, crowd control, security patrol and vehicle checkpoints.

While no decisions have been made on which systems will be used, managers have narrowed the field to a few for consideration, Hall said.

Among them is Raytheon Company's nonlethal Active Denial System, a counter-personnel directed energy weapon that projects a speed-of-light millimeter wave of

energy that makes skin feel like it's on fire.

According to studies done by the Air Force Research Laboratory, which developed the technology in a joint effort with the Marine Corps and Raytheon, the invisible beam penetrates the skin to a depth of less than 1/64 of an inch and produces heat that within seconds becomes intolerable, said lab spokeswoman Eva Hendren.

The sensation stops when the individual moves out of the beam. The beam does not cause injury because its penetration is so shallow, Hendren said.

Vehicles also could be equipped with high-powered lights to aid in searches, and an acoustics system such as the Long Range Acoustic Device, or LRAD, a high-powered bullhorn of sorts that emits an ear-piercing noise.

Marines in Iraq already are using the LRAD system. No decision on LRAD has been made, but the office has no alternative if it is not picked, Hall said. Critics of the LRAD system have said the ear-piercing noise could cause permanent damage and deafness. He said the military still is conducting studies.

The lethal portion of the projects includes a mounted rapid-fire gun that will be able to carry a diversity of medium- and small-caliber machine guns at a high rate of fire. The system under consideration is called Gunslinger and is under development at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Va.

An Active Protection System would place an array of sensors that could deploy decoys and detect chemical or biological



SANDRA JONTZ/Stars and Stripes

Col. Wade Hall, program director for the Office of Force Transformation's "Project Sheriff" program, said Marines and Army soldiers in Iraq should have a new combination of lethal and nonlethal weapons systems by summer.

agents.

While the Pentagon is taking the lead in developing Project Sheriff, other agencies interested in the experiment's progress include the Justice, Energy, and State departments and the FBI, Hall said.

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U.S. jets bomb alleged militant site in Fallujah

By KIM HOUSEGO

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. warplanes pounded a suspected hide-out of al-Qaida-linked militants in the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Fallujah on Monday, killing at least 20 people and wounding 29, officials and witnesses said. Six of the victims died when a shell hit an ambulance, a hospital official said.

The strike came a day after a surge in violence killed 78 people and wounded about 200 across Iraq as insurgents hammered central Baghdad with intense mortar and rocket barrages and violence appeared to spiral out of control.

The U.S. military said jets carried out a precision strike on a site in Fallujah where several members of a group led by Jordanian-born terror suspect Abu Musab al-Zarqawi were meeting.

"Intelligence sources reported the presence of several key al-Zarqawi operatives who have been responsible for numerous terrorist attacks against Iraqi civilians, Iraqi Security Forces and multinational forces," the military said in a statement.



Mourners participate Monday in Sadr City, Iraq, in the funeral procession of Mohammed Faleh, who died after he was allegedly shot by U.S. troops on his way to work.

The military said reports indicated the strikes had achieved their aim, but did not name the operatives.

In Fallujah, witnesses said the bombing targeted the city's residential al-Shurta

neighborhood, damaging buildings and raising clouds of black smoke.

Dr. Ahmad Taber of the Fallujah General Hospital said at least 20 people were killed, including women and children, and 29 others

were wounded. An ambulance rushing from the area of the blasts was hit by a shell, killing the driver and five patients inside the vehicle, said another hospital official, Hamid Salaman.

"The conditions here are miserable — an ambulance was bombed, three houses destroyed and men and women killed," the hospital's director, Rafay Hayat al-Asawi, told al-Jazeera television by telephone. "The American army has no morals."

Witnesses said U.S. warplanes repeatedly swooped low over Fallujah and that artillery units deployed on the outskirts of the city also opened fire. The explosions started at sunrise and continued for several hours.

One explosion went off in a marketplace in Fallujah as the first soldiers had just begun to set up their tents, wounding several people and shattering windows, witnesses said. U.S. forces pulled out of Fallujah in April after ending a three-week siege that left hundreds dead and a trail of devastation. The U.S. Marines have not patrolled inside Fallujah since then and Sunni insurgents have strengthened their hold on the city.

Explosions rocked central Baghdad on Monday, but the location of the source of the blasts was not immediately clear.

U.S. forces kill 22 rebels in southern Afghanistan

By STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. troops and helicopter gunships killed 22 militants, including three Arab fighters in southern Afghanistan, the military said Monday, the latest bloodshed ahead of historic Afghan elections.

Meanwhile, the United Nations withdrew dozens of staff from the

western city of Herat a day after mobs ransacked its offices. The mob violence came after President Hamid Karzai fired the city's warlord governor. His replacement later ordered a 9 p.m. curfew.

The 12-hour battle in the southern province of Zabul, a hotbed of resistance to Karzai's U.S.-backed government, began late Sunday, the military said.

Spokesman Maj. Scott Nelson said some 40 militants attacked coalition soldiers on a search operation. The troops called in two Apache helicopters, which opened fire on the fighters.

"Skirmishes continued throughout the night, and the final battle damage assessment from the incident, from our soldiers on the ground, was 22," Nelson said. Among the dead were three

Arabs, the spokesman said. Another Arab was among three people arrested.

No coalition forces were hurt, he said.

The U.S. forces seized a global positioning system, a video camera with tapes, four grenades and two assault rifles, he said.

Nelson declined to give the Arab fighters' nationalities, or say what was on the tapes.

Guerrilla violence is surging in the run-up to Oct. 9 elections, despite the presence of 18,000 coalition forces who have been hunting for terrorist suspects since late 2001.

In another incident Sunday, Nelson said Taliban gunmen ambushed a coalition patrol near the southern city of Kandahar. American soldiers returned fire without stopping. No casualties were reported.

The Taliban have vowed to sabotage the presidential election, which Karzai is widely expected to win. Twelve elections workers are among more than 900 people killed in Afghan political violence this year.

In another reminder of the country's insecurity, weekend rioting left three people dead in Herat and on Monday led international aid workers to leave the city.

The United Nations, whose offices were burned and looted in unrest after the election, said the strongest international team, said it flew about 40 staff members to the capital.

The U.S. refugee agency, whose office was looted, said it suspended operations in the west, stranding more than 1,000 returning refugees on the nearby Iranian border. Dozens of relief workers from other organizations were also evacuating. But Filippo Grandi, deputy head of the world body's Afghan mission, said the move was only temporary.

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North Korea says large explosion was planned

British diplomat invited to inspect site and confirm

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

The Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea said Monday that an explosion last week that raised a huge mushroom cloud was the planned demolition of a mountain for a hydroelectric project, and the reclusive government invited a British diplomat to visit the site to confirm the story.

The North's explanation came as a number of officials and experts from the United States and elsewhere said they did not believe the blast Thursday near the Chinese border — which raised a cloud more than two miles wide — was a nuclear test.

But a Bush administration official said the United States has indications that the North is trying to conduct a test. The explosion and concerns over Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions set off a heated back-and-forth between the White House and Democratic rival John Kerry.

North Korea denounced the speculation over a nuclear test as part of a "smear campaign" against it, aimed at diverting world attention away from new revelations about past South Korean nuclear activities.

Speaking on the condition of anonymity, a U.S. official said it isn't clear what happened. While the official said there isn't any reason to believe it was a nuclear test, the official also couldn't confirm the North Koreans' explanation that it was linked to the construction of a hydroelectric project.

A U.N. official, who asked for anonymity, said the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization — a U.N. body that monitors explosions worldwide for signs of nuclear activity through an international network of sensing devices — had not picked any signs that the explosion was a nuclear blast.

The North's official news agency KCNA explained the explosion

saying "blastings at construction sites of hydro-power stations in the north of Korea" had taken place.

North Korean Foreign Minister Paek Nam Sun told the same to visiting British Foreign Office minister Bill Rammell.

Rammell welcomed the explanation and said that the North Koreans "have nothing to fear and nothing to hide and should welcome the international community actually verifying the situation for themselves."

North Korea told Britain's ambassador in Pyongyang, David Slinn, that he can visit the blast site as soon as Tuesday to verify its claims, the Press Association of Britain reported.

Andrew Kennedy, head of the Asia program at the Royal United Services Institute in London, said the North Korean explanation has "a ring of truth to it" and that if diplomats allowed to the site take a Geiger counter with them they would easily know whether a nuclear blast occurred.

Europe shows greater resolve against Iran's nuclear program

BY GEORGE JAHN

The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — The United States lobbied its allies Monday to have Iran hauled before the U.N. Security Council over its nuclear program as the world body's atomic watchdog agency considered how tough a line to take in pressuring Tehran to meet its demands.

Meanwhile, U.S. ally South Korea also came under criticism, with the agency's chief expressing "serious concern" over Seoul's failure to report nuclear activities that it was revealed date back to the 1980s.

The South Korean issue complicates U.S. efforts to rein in North Korea's nuclear program, the world's most worrisome. Pyongyang already used Seoul's admissions of some nuclear experiments to justify its weapons program.

On the issue of Iran's nuclear program, European powers have come closer to the U.S. position, proposing in a draft resolution that the International Atomic Energy Agency set a November deadline for Tehran to meet its demands aimed at clearing up fears it is developing weapons. It warns that failure to do so could "probably" lead to further steps — a reference to sending the issue to the Security Council, which could impose sanctions on Iran.

Washington wants that "trigger mechanism" in the resolution to be stronger, in part by removing the word "probably."

The United States appeared to soften its rhetoric on Iran before Monday's meeting of the IAEA's board of directors in apparent recognition that it might not get its way and have Iran referred to the council immediately. But its case has been bolstered over the longer term, with European leaders voicing increasing worry over Tehran.

A key point of contention was Iran's refusal to fully give up uranium enrichment.

Also Monday, IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei told reporters that South Korea's failure to report its 1980s nuclear experiments were a "matter of serious concern." He said he would have a fuller report on Seoul's clandestine nuclear activities by the next board meeting in November.

Repeating his government's stance, South Korean delegate Cho Chang-Bom told reporters the experiments involved only minute quantities of enriched uranium and plutonium, and were performed by a small group of renegade scientists "without the knowledge and authorization of the government." He said that — with the revelations now public — South Korea harbored no more nuclear secrets.

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Islanders try to flee Ivan

The Associated Press

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands — People stood on rooftops of flooded homes Monday in the Cayman Islands, pummeled by Hurricane Ivan before the massive storm strengthened to an extremely dangerous Category 5 storm and headed for Cuba.

The slow-moving hurricane, one of the strongest ever to hit the region, killed at least 68 people across the Caribbean before reaching the Caymans, where there were unconfirmed reports that its ferocious winds and waves caused at least two deaths.

Ivan's winds intensified to near 160 mph as it headed for western Cuba, threatening floods in the western Pinar del Rio province that is the biggest source of tobacco for the country's famed cigar industry. About 1.5 million of Cuba's 11.2 million people were evacuated from their homes, most taking refuge with friends and relatives.

Ivan was projected to pass near or over Cuba's western end by Monday evening.

President Fidel Castro toured western Cuba on Monday morning, stopping to discuss preparations with defense officials in the provincial capital of Pinar del Rio, where residents shouted "Fidel! Fidel!"

"We are so happy to have him

Florida Panhandle prepares again

ST. MARKS, Fla. — Residents of the Florida Panhandle got serious about boarding up windows, stocking food and worrying Monday as deadly Hurricane Ivan appeared to be heading in their direction as a "very formidable" hurricane.

At the other end of the state, people who had fled the Florida Keys were told the 120-mile island chain had dodged the storm's bullet and the 79,000 residents could go back home.

Emergency officials in several Panhandle counties were expected to decide Tuesday whether to order evacuations from rural fishing villages and beach communities as Ivan threatened to become the third hurricane to hit the state this summer.

Forecasters said Ivan, which strengthened back to a Category 5 storm Sunday night with wind up to 160 mph, could strike somewhere along a huge swath of the Gulf Coast by Wednesday after striking Cuba later Monday.

From The Associated Press

close to us," said 78-year-old Elsa Ramos, when Castro visited the tobacco-growing town of San Juan y Martinez. "Fidel protects us from all bad things."

As in past hurricanes, Castro has taken an enormous interest in emergency preparations, appearing the last few nights on state television programs focusing on Ivan's approach.

Ivan was expected to move into the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday, threatening to make landfall in the Florida panhandle, Mississippi or Louisiana.

Ivan has killed at least 15 people in Jamaica, 39 in Grenada, five in Venezuela, one in Tobago,

one in Barbados and four in the Dominican Republic and three in Haiti.

The U.S. government has given \$50,000 in emergency relief to Jamaica, said Jose Fuentes of USAID.

The last Category 5 storm to make landfall in the Caribbean was Hurricane David, which killed more than 1,000 people and devastated the Dominican Republic in 1979, Mojica said.

Only three Category 5 storms are known to have hit the United States. The last was Hurricane Andrew, which hit South Florida in 1992, killing 43 people and causing more than \$30 billion in damage.

Holy palace protest, Batman!



A police officer, left, watches a protester dressed as Batman standing on a ledge Monday at London's Buckingham Palace. The protester, Jason Hatch, 33, is a member of the Fathers 4 Justice group, which is campaigning for greater custody rights for divorced or separated fathers. No member of the royal family was at the palace Monday.

Putin bolsters his grip on Russian security

BY VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Responding to a spate of deadly terror attacks, President Vladimir Putin on Monday moved to significantly strengthen the Kremlin's grip on power, with new measures that include the naming of regional governors and an overhaul of the electoral system.

Putin told Cabinet members and security officials convened in special session that the future of Russia was at stake, and called for the creation of a central, powerful anti-terror agency.

"The organizers and perpetrators of the terror attack are aiming at the disintegration of the state, the breakup of Russia," he said. "We need a single organization capable of not only dealing with terror attacks but also working to avert them, destroy criminals in their hide-outs and, if necessary, abroad."

Putin's declaration followed a series of stunning terror attacks blamed on Chechen rebels, culminating in the three-day school seizure in southern Russia in which more than 330 people were killed.

He said he would propose legislation abolishing the election of local governors by popular vote. Instead they would be nominated by the president and confirmed by local legislatures — removing the last vestiges of local autonomy already eroded during Putin's first term in office.

Putin's critics immediately assailed the proposal as a self-destructive effort that could fuel dissent in the provinces. "The abolition of elections in the Russian regions deals a blow to the foundations of Russian federalism and means the return to the extremely inefficient system of government," Sergei Mitrokhin, a leading member of the liberal Yabloko party, said in a statement.

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Assault weapons ban expires without action

BY CHUCK OXLEY

The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — The expiration Monday of a 10-year federal ban on assault weapons means firearms such as TEC-9s can now be legally bought — a development that has critics upset and gun owners pleased.

The 1994 ban, signed by President Clinton, outlawed 19 types of military-style assault weapons. A clause directed that the ban expire unless Congress specifically reauthorized it, which it did not.

Some of the 19 — foreign-made weapons such as the AK-47 and Uz1 — are still banned under a 1989 law prohibiting imports of specific automatic weapons.

Studies by pro- and antigun groups as well as the Justice Department show conflicting results

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on whether the ban helped reduce crime. Loopholes allowed manufacturers to keep many weapons on the market simply by changing their names or altering some of their features or accessories.

The differences between assault weapons and guns on the market before the ban expired are "cosmetic," Wayne LaPierre, executive vice president of the National Rifle Association, said Monday on CBS's "The Early Show."

"To lead anyone to believe we're talking about a class of guns that's more powerful, makes bigger holes, shoots more rapidly is not true," LaPierre said.

Gun-control advocate Sarah

Brady disagreed. "There's nothing cosmetic at all about this law," she said on "The Early Show."

Gun shop owners said the expiration of the ban would have little effect on the types of guns and accessories that are typically sold and traded across their counters every day.

However, the expiration could result in sharply lower prices for some weapons, said Sanford Abrams, owner of Valley Guns in Baltimore and vice president of the Maryland Licensed Firearms Dealers Association.

Many states — including California, Massachusetts, New York and Hawaii — have passed their own laws curbing the use of assault weapons. U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, R-Idaho, trumpeted the end of the federal law.

"President Clinton's so-called

'assault weapons' ban was nothing more than a sop to antigun liberals," Otter said Friday in a written statement. "It provided only the illusion of reducing gun violence, but it did real damage to our liberties."

But advocates for the ban, including the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, point to some particularly vicious shootings in which military-style weapons were used — including the 10 killings in the sniper shooting spree that terrorized residents in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., in 2002.

National police organizations such as the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Brotherhood of Police Officers and the Fraternal Order of Police all support the renewal of the ban. President Bush has said he

would sign such a bill if Congress passed it.

The expiration of the assault weapons ban does not mean the end of federal background checks. The 1993 Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act is separate legislation from the assault weapons ban, said Daniel Wells, chief of the FBI unit charged with overseeing the background checks system.

"The change in law relating to assault weapons has no impact on the Brady Law," Wells said.

Boise gunsmith Justin Davis predicted the biggest change in his business will be the ability of manufacturers and importers to market higher capacity ammunition magazines — the removable "clip" that holds and feeds bullets through guns.

Under the 1994 ban, the maximum capacity of a magazine was set at 10 rounds.

Powell, Ridge support new intel post

By JESSE J. HOLLAND

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge on Monday endorsed creating a new national intelligence director to coordinate the nation's intelligence agencies, telling senators that giving the position real power will help keep America safe.

"A strong national intelligence director is essential," Powell told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee at a morning hearing. "That strength is gained by giving the NID full budget authority."

"In this town, it's the ultimate command and control," Ridge said.

The two secretaries also said a new intelligence director would also help them do their job.

"Do you believe that a strong national intelligence director will improve the quality of intelligence you both receive?" asked Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, the committee's chair.

"Yes, I do. We need a stronger empowered quarterback," Powell replied.

Ridge said "I concur" and said such a move likely would facilitate his access to intelligence.

President Bush last week endorsed the idea of combining most of the nation's nonmilitary intelligence agencies under a new national intelligence director, a recommendation that the committee investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks pushed strongly in its final report.



Secretary of State Colin Powell, left, and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge appear Monday before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee on Capitol Hill.

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US Airways gets OK to use federal loan

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A bankruptcy judge gave US Airways Group Inc. temporary permission Monday to use a government loan to fund daily operations — a move expected to allow the airline more time to find alternative financing.

The ruling came a day after the nation's seventh largest airline filed for bankruptcy protection for the second time in two years.

From The Associated Press

Yokota Baptist Church

Pastor Warren Webster

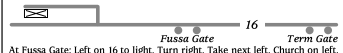
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Bush derides Kerry as having plans for health care takeover

BY DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

MUSKOGEE, Mich. — President Bush on Monday denounced Sen. John Kerry's health care proposal as a government takeover that would trigger tax hikes.

"We have a difference of opinion in this campaign," Bush told supporters in western Michigan. "I'm running against a fellow who has got a massive, complicated blueprint to take over the government after the decision-making in health care."

"Not only is his plan going to increase the power of bureaucrats in your life, but he can't pay for it unless he raises your taxes."

The crowd boomed. While Bush leads Kerry in the polls when voters are asked who would keep the country safe, the president's numbers aren't as favorable when it comes to domestic matters. A recent Associated Press poll found 51 percent of registered voters disapproving of how Bush is handling such issues as health care, education and the environment.

Sitting on stage with residents from Grand Rapids, Rockford and Muskegon, Bush outlined his health care ideas.

He said he wants small businesses to be allowed to pool resources to buy health insurance at discounts available to large companies. He also favors expanding health saving accounts and plans to propose a tax credit to help poor families and individuals buy coverage. Further, he wants to ensure that each of America's poorest communities has a health center to serve the underprivileged.

Kerry worked last week to turn the campaign focus to health care issues. At a round-table discussion in Des Moines, Iowa, he cited a new report showing a double-digit increase in insurance premiums for the fourth year in a row. He also noted that monthly premiums for the part of Medicare that pays for doctor visits and most other non-hospital expenses are going up 17 percent.

It's an issue that plays well in the northern battleground states of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan where busloads of people regularly travel to Canada to fill their prescriptions.

Bush's speech in Muskegon was the first stop on two bus trips, focusing on health care, that the president will take this week in the Midwest. He'll be in Minnesota on Thursday.



President Bush rolls up his sleeves Monday as he begins to speak at a campaign rally at Muskegon County Airport in Muskegon, Mich.

Group courts blacks in new ads

BY LIZ SIDOTT
The Associated Press

A group of Democratic insiders that has spent some \$40 million on advertising against President Bush is rolling out new campaign commercials telling urban blacks "don't keep getting played" and accusing Bush of turning his back on them.

"Bush has a plan for America. But you're not part of it," says one television ad being released Monday. Another claims: "Bush said prosperity was right around the corner, but he wasn't talking about the corners in your neighborhood."

The Media Fund plans to spend a relatively large amount on minority media — about \$5 million between now and Nov. 2 — on television, radio and print ads, mostly in presidential battleground states like Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Steve Schmidt, a Bush campaign spokesman, called the ads "divisive and baseless," and said they are produced from a position of weakness.

Democrats have claimed that Republicans are working to suppress the black vote to help Bush win, particularly through radio and print ads by a Washington-based group called People of Color United. Its ads, funded largely by Republicans, criticized Democrat Sen. John Kerry as a "wily-washy, rich, white politician" and his African-born wife Teresa Heinz Kerry as "elitist, rich and white."

Blacks historically have been loyal Democratic voters, and Kerry needs to ensure they turn out on Election Day if he is to defeat Bush.

On Saturday, Kerry suggested that Republicans may try to keep black voters from casting their ballots to help Bush win in November. Speaking to the Congressional Black Caucus, he said: "We are not going to start by and allow acts of voter suppression, and we're hearing those things again in this election."

Making the same argument, a new Media Fund radio ad claims: "The Republicans want you to sit out this election and simply stay home. Who are they fooling?"

Founded by former Clinton administration aide Harold Ickes and funded in part by billionaire philanthropist George Soros, the Media Fund is making its first major pitch to minorities. The Democratic National Committee also is courting blacks through ads and over the summer Kerry did some advertising targeted to blacks.



Sen. John Kerry outlines a \$5 billion plan to fight crime during a campaign stop in Washington, D.C., on Monday.

Kerry knocks Bush for allowing assault weapons ban to expire

BY ANNE GEARAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic Sen. John Kerry on Monday accused President Bush of ducking his responsibility to protect the country from crime and terrorism by allowing a national assault weapons ban to expire.

Kerry outlined his own \$5 billion plan to fight crime and picked up the endorsement of the National Association of Police Organizations, a coalition of more than 2,000 police unions and associations.

"Today George Bush made the job of terrorists easier and made

the job of America's law enforcement officers harder and that's just plain wrong," Kerry told a Washington audience.

Kerry said, "George Bush made a choice today. He chose his powerful friends in the gun lobby over the police officers and the families he promised to protect."

Presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said that was "another false attack from Senator Kerry." Bush believes the best way to curb gun violence is to enforce laws that are on the books, McClellan said, and he added that violent crime was at a 30-year low.

On CBS' "The Early Show," gun control advocate Sarah Brady said that allowing the ban to lapse was "purely political."

Brady's husband, Jim, was wounded in the 1981 assassination attempt on former President Reagan.

Republican leaders in Congress said last week they have no plans to renew the 1994 ban on 19 types of military-style assault weapons.

Kerry outlined a \$5 billion, 10-year anti-crime agenda, to be paid for by extension of customs fees already included in numerous pending bills.

In addition to restoring the assault weapons ban, his plan included:

- Fund the COPPS program to the full amount authorized by Congress.
- Ensure that state and local law enforcement agencies get access to the national terrorist lists, and simplify those lists.
- Enforce existing gun laws and help U.S. attorneys battle interstate gun trafficking.

Editor's note: Three times a week, The Associated Press picks an issue and asks the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates a question about it.

On the issues

President Bush

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Sen. John Kerry

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Onward, upward for Terri Clark

BY WALTER TUNIS

Knight Ridder Newspapers

Canadian-born singer Terri Clark sees a parallel trajectory in the pattern she and her idol Reba McEntire took to country stardom.

Specifically, Clark didn't lay permanent claim to the top of the country charts when her self-titled debut album was released in 1995.

But sturdy, career-defining hits came quickly with a string of rockish and rugged top 10 singles that included "When Boy Meets Girl" and "Better Things to Do."

She picked up her first ACM and Country Music Association awards nominations the following year as accomplished hits continued to pepper the charts.

Among them: a vigorous cover of the late Warren Zevon's "Poor Poor Pitiful Me" — a '70s smash for another of Clark's idols, Linda Ronstadt.

But matching the commercial star power of such contemporaries as Faith Hill, McEntire and fellow Canadian Shania Twain has eluded Clark.

That's something she hopes to correct. The recent "I Wanna Do It All" was a Top 5 hit, while "Girls Lie Too" roared up the country charts faster than any of Clark's previous singles.

"You can look at a lot of artists that didn't hit their strides until 10 years into their career," she said by phone from Vancouver.

"It took Reba forever. She had five or six albums out on Mercury, switched to MCA and it still took an album or two there for her to really kick in."

"Some artists just build into a career and explode later on. I think it remains to be seen what will happen with me. But to be nine years into a recording career and now have the fastest-rising single of my career is unbelievable."

Regardless of how large Clark's star profile becomes, one major career goal she has achieved this month when she joins the Grand Ole Opry.

An invitation was extended by Russell Springs' favorite son Steve Wariner when Clark played a televised Opry show June 12.

"All they told me when I went onstage was to sing the first song, talk for about 30 seconds and then sing the second song," Clark said.

"Then when Steve walked out after the first one, all I could think of was, 'Hello. We're on TV here.' I freaked out, because I thought something had gone terribly wrong. Then I saw my mother there. It was quite a moment."

For Clark, membership in the Opry is as much a family triumph as a career milestone.

Her grandparents were country stars in Canada and regularly opened concerts for such Opry legends as Little Jimmy Dickens.



Country artist Terri Clark relaxes in her dressing room backstage at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn. Each track on Terri Clark's greatest hits package represents a story in her 10-year career — some serious, some humorous, but all part of her path from obscurity to becoming a country star.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro	\$1.257
British pound	\$1.85
Japanese yen (Sept. 15)	\$0.0070
South Korean won (Sept. 14)	\$1.1630
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
British pound	\$1.806
Canada (dollar)	\$0.641
Denmark (krone)	\$6.471
Egypt (pound)	\$2.246
Euro	\$1.2342
Hong Kong (dollar)	\$0.786
Hungary (Forint)	293.71
Iceland (krona)	116.6
Israel (shekel)	4.505
Japan (yen)	\$0.0070
Kuwait (dinar)	0.2847
Norway (kroner)	\$0.136
Philippines (peso)	\$6.12
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	\$0.246
Singapore (dollar)	\$1.681
Switzerland (Franc)	\$0.756
Thailand (Baht)	\$1.254
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Silver	\$6.13

INTEREST RATES

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Discount rate	2.50
Federal funds market rate	1.50
3-month bill	1.035
30-year bond	4.38

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

Geraldo sues N.J. co-op

Geraldo Rivera is suing the co-op board of the housing development he lives in, alleging members wrongly kept a \$10,000 deposit on one of his properties and prevented him from buying another.

The Fox News senior correspondent owns two homes in the 26-acre Edgewater Colony, where New Jersey residents own their homes but share ownership of the land.

Rivera said the board refuses to

return the security deposit for construction of the first home he bought about five years ago, among other allegations.

"They are arbitrarily and capriciously interfering with my house, down to minimalist details like whether or not I should



Rivera

have a fish tank, or whether I should plant a certain kind of flower or tree," he told The Record of Bergen County for Saturday's editions.

Karen Painter Randall, a lawyer for Edgewater Colony, said the lawsuit is "entirely without merit."

"We intend to aggressively defend the case and have reserved our right to seek an award of counsel fees and costs due to the frivolous nature of the lawsuit," she said in a written statement.

Pope's life made for TV

Italian producers began shooting a television film about the life of Pope John Paul II in southern Poland, where the pontiff grew up and began his church career.

The film crew began shooting scenes Saturday of a young and athletic Karol Wojtyla kayaking in Lake Dobczyce near Krakow, where he served as bishop from the 1950s, said Marcin Marcinkiewicz, a spokesman for the producers.

"Karol, the story of a man who became pope" is to be broadcast in 20-90-minute segments on Italian television. Production is expected to finish next spring, but no date has been set for the broadcast.

The film is adapted from a historical account by Italian writer

Gian Franco Svidercoschi, with the first part set during World War II and the second in postwar Poland.

"The pope has seen the screenplay," Marcinkiewicz told The Associated Press. While most of the movie will be filmed in Poland, some scenes will be shot at the Vatican, he said.

Bombings cancellations

Singer Alicia Keys and British violinist Bond have canceled concerts in the Indonesian capital after last week's deadly suicide attack on the Australian Embassy.

A spokesman for promoter Java Musikindo said Saturday that both acts were due to play Jakarta next month but have

been pulled out due to Thursday's bombing, which killed nine people and wounded more than 170.

Indonesia has been hit by a series of bombings in recent years that have led many acts to avoid playing in the country. In recent months, however, several popular Western bands performed there.



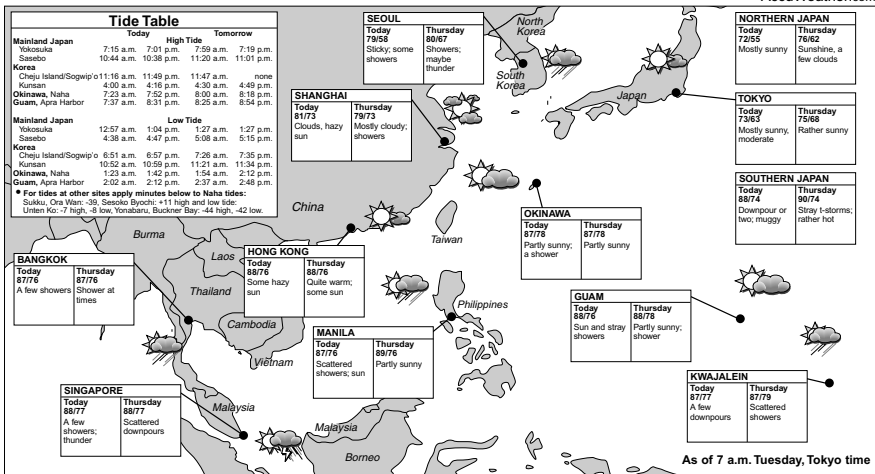
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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 79, low 70.
 Saturday: Thunderstorms, high 80, low 69.

KADENA

Friday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 78.
 Saturday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 76.

SEOUL

Friday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 66.
 Saturday: Showers, high 79, low 62.

MANILA

Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 76.
 Saturday: Showers, high 85, low 74.

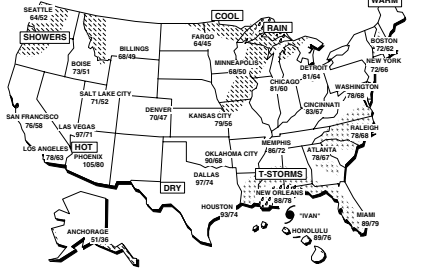
HAGATNA

Friday: Showers, high 90, low 76.
 Saturday: Showers, high 88, low 76.

Monday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	90/62	Little Rock	91/68
Amarillo	96/62	Louisville	87/66
Anchorage	57/38	Miami	88/79
Ashville	76/57	Milwaukee	84/67
Baltimore	84/64	Nashville	87/62
Birmingham	88/64	New York	83/64
Bismarck	67/46	Omaha	94/65
Boise	69/45	Orlando	91/74
Boston	78/56	Philadelphia	87/64
Brownsville	94/75	Phoenix	107/81
Buffalo	76/60	Pittsburgh	81/62
Burlington	69/43	Portland, OR	67/55
Charleston, SC	79/69	Portland, ME	77/45
Charlotte	84/64	Salt Lake City	76/49
Chicago	83/64	St. Louis	87/69
Columbus, OH	86/63	San Antonio	93/73
Duluth	76/58	San Diego	75/66
El Paso	97/70	San Juan	91/77
Hartford	84/62	Tampa	91/77
Helena	59/44	Tulsa	94/73
Indianapolis	86/64	Washington	65/68
Jacksonville	87/72	Wichita	96/71
Kansas City	91/69		

Wednesday, September 15



Wednesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	87/76	Kaduna	87/78
Beijing	75/58	Kansan	79/66
Camp Casey	78/62	Kwajalein	87/77
Christchurch	83/75	Manila	87/76
Diego Garcia	83/75	Masawa	86/54
Hagatna	88/76	Osan	79/63
Hanoi	88/76	Perth	64/49
Hong Kong	88/76	Pusan	77/69
Honolulu	89/76		

Wednesday's World Temperatures

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Wafers now the way of world

In the Sept. 9 letter "Church doesn't de-
serve Islam" about the mother who is fight-
ing for the Roman Catholic Church to ac-
cept a symbolic piece of wheat made from
rice instead of wheat so her daughter can
take Communion, the writer says the moth-
er should have accepted an offer of wine
alone as good enough, because the church
says it is acceptable to use rice.

The writer says, "According to Catholic
doctrine, sacramental wine is enough to
transmit grace to the receiver, just as with
sacramental bread alone."
Since when did wine or bread transmit
grace? Only God can give grace. Jesus ate
the Last Supper with his disciples. Bread
was broken to start the meal, they ate other
things as well, and at the end they drank
wine, sharing the cup.

Why today do we have wafers? Why do we
have juice? Our busy lives and mail sched-
ules do not allow for a real meal together.
Shame on us and shame on the church. Man
has taken all of these blessings from us and
us turned them into something nearly
meaningless.

Mom, know you and your daughter are
OK in Church, just be sure you are OK

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in the Lord's day as well.

Sgt. 1st Class Danny Anderson
Camp Cooke, Iraq

Military at fault, too

As a proud former servicemember station-
ed here in Kuwait, I find myself viewing
soldiers in the garrison area every day in
total violation of Army Uniform Regulation
670-1. Civilians are not the only ones not set-
ting the standards for appearance. I have
seen first sergeants and sergeants major
saw soldiers with eyegear on the parade
headgear on while indoors, uniforms mixed,
items hanging from their necks and many
more violations. They all seem to turn their
heads as if not to see the violations.

There is no need for starched uniforms in
this environment unless you are a full-time
garrison soldier, unlike those who are really
putting their lives on the line out there in the
scorching [sun]. But, I along with my
co-workers, find that the uniform standards
have fallen way down and that no one en-
forces them the way we retired servicemen
were did on a daily basis.

I don't find it degrading or disrespectful
for any servicemember to stand up to another
and tell him when he is in uniform viola-
ting. So noncommissioned officers, take
charge. The real problem is not the civil-
ians, but those soldiers who still serve.

D.A. Ocasio
Kuwait

Not all jobs meant to survive new era

BY ANTONIN RUSEK

PENNSYLVANIA'S central Susquehanna
Valley recently received bad
news. The announced closing of
Pennsylvania House Furniture
manufacturing and warehousing facilities
in Lewisburg, White Deer and Millersburg is
estimated to cost the area about 425 jobs.

The company is blaming the closings
and layoffs on Chinese competition.

In a related development, in this recent
speech at the Greater Susquehanna Valley
Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Sen. Arlen
Specter, R-Pa., called for a "fight against
foreign competition" and accused The Peo-
ple's Republic of China of starting a trade
war.

That people are dismayed and worried
about the loss of jobs is understandable.
The Pennsylvania House layoffs may be due
to Chinese competition, but the other
side of the coin is that, by and large, Ameri-
cans benefit from the trade and globaliza-
tion—even if the gains may be uneven
and there are terrible financial reverses in
individual cases.

As far as the loss of jobs is concerned,
outsourcing—the loss of markets due to
more-efficient and more-affordable fore-
ign products—certainly plays some role.
But the national scale, they have lost
more jobs due to technological advances
than because of foreign competition.

Cashiers in supermarkets lose their liveli-
hood because of computerized self-ser-
vice check-out machines, not because 1
take a weekly trip to a supermarket in

China. Computerized airline ticketing,
computerized hotel check-ins and
check-outs, and Internet-based retail sales
—buying online—are just a few exam-
ples of these job-destroying domestic tech-
nological advances.

By contrast, trade is a large job creator
in the United States. A study by the Fed-
eral Reserve Bank of Dallas points out that
we are the biggest trading nation in the
world, exporting \$1.3 billion of goods and
services annually—that is, \$4.626 for each
of our people. That is the largest trading na-
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In contrast, the European Union and
Japan export only about 11 percent to 12
percent of their respective Gross Domestic
Products annually—\$3.350 per person in
the European Union and \$3.510 per person
in Japan. In an underdeveloped coun-
try such as China, the share of exports in
the economy is difficult to determine. We
do know that overall Chinese exports
(\$426 billion) are less than Japan's (\$447
billion), which comes to only about \$330
per person in China.

These trade numbers are reflected in
employment and economic growth.
Today, the U.S. unemployment rate is 5.6
percent, compared to more than 9 percent
in the European Union and more than 15
percent estimated in China. The Japanese
rate is 4.7 percent, but, given Japanese
labor practices, this number is not compa-
rable with ours, due to a higher 3 percent
baseline. And in the last 12 years, U.S. eco-

nomic growth (3.23 percent annual aver-
age) exceeded that of the European Union
(2.04 percent annual average) by more than
60 percent and was three times as high
as Japan's (1.09 percent annual aver-
age). Chinese growth over the last year
was 8 to 8.5 percent annually, but the
Chinese economy is less than 10 percent
the size of ours.

Obviously, a long-term commitment to
trade liberalization and financial globaliza-
tion paid off for us. From the malaise of
the 1970s, through the economic renaiss-
ance of the 1980s, to the economic superi-
ority of today, we have taken the legacy of
free enterprise and a commitment to ex-
panding free trade.

Certainly, the loss of more than 400 jobs
in a local community is a very serious
blow. But our strength and future are in
the "new" economy of creativity and inno-
vation, facilitated by global financial mar-
kets.

And it is in this area that we should seek
solutions for future growth and job cre-
ation, with the regional business commu-
nity perhaps joining forces with its acad-
emic communities—accounting, manage-
ment, marketing, information technology
—to bring new jobs and companies to the
area. The greatest, most dynamic econ-
omy in the world today has something for
everybody. But we have to look to new
ideas, not dwell on the past and the "way
we were."

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Doonesbury



OPINION

Cheney's scare tactics omit key information

Cheney the Yawner sure has a way of issuing wake-up calls. From Des Moines, Iowa, last week, the monotone veep told supporters, "It's absolutely essential that eight weeks from today, on November 2, we make the right choice, because if we make the wrong choice then the danger is that we'll get hit again and we'll be hit in a way that will be devastating from the standpoint of the United States."

Myriam Marquez

My burricumbed brain got me plotting plywood placement and fixing on another ice run. I almost ducked and covered under my desk.

Oh, wait. Dick Cheney's not a TV weatherman. He doesn't track storms. He creates political tsunamis. Just more fear-peddling from the No. 2. And we thought Zell gave us all a good scare.

This is so retro, poodle-skirt 1950s. Atomic bombs don't do this stuff justice. Except George W. Bush is no Dwight D. Eisenhower, decorated war general, strategist extraordinaire and a man who put America's interests for peace before the military-industrial complex's financial interests for war.

Can you spell H-a-l-l-i-b-u-r-t-o-n? We know Cheney's old employer has no fear. Halliburton keeps getting no-bid contracts

to mop up in Iraq and points everywhere. This used to be work that our soldiers did with great sacrifice and honor.

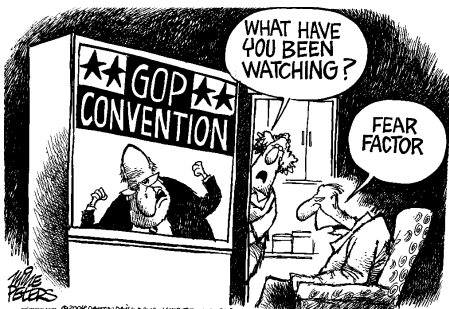
Now we pay contractors millions of dollars more to do the same job and pretend it's all in the name of winning the war on terror while our guys and gals are stuck in the line of fire in a country that's still far from free.

But, hey, let's make sure we make the right choice in November. Every time I start to lean to the status quo, figuring it's better the devil you know, there comes another fantastic tale of Armageddon from the Bush-Cheney campaign. Please, spare us, Monotone Man. Let's get down to the business of what Bush-Cheney would do the next four years. How would you end this war that's just a couple of weeks ago the president oops'd into admitting had no end? What's the strategy?

We don't dispute that America is vulnerable, that this country — heck, any nation — can be attacked by terrorists who hate us and our values. But what have our American values become three years after the horrendous attacks of 9/11? We have lost basic civil liberties and what little privacy we had left. We now shut out of getting basic public information about the safety of our power plants or other critical infrastructure in the name of "national security."

Ah, yes, we haven't had another terrorist strike on U.S. shores.

We never had any of the magnitude of 9/11, which happened almost a month after Bush was handed a report while vacationing at his ranch. It clearly warned that



Osama bin Laden was plotting to attack America on our shores. Do we blame him? No, because hindsight is 20/20.

Surely, Bill Clinton could have done more after the first bombing of the World Trade Center. Surely, Ronald Reagan could have done more after the attack on the Marines in Beirut. Surely, Jimmy Carter ...

What would John Kerry do? There's nothing Kerry has said to suggest that he would

let the nation "fall back into the pre-9/11 mind-set if you will, that in fact these terrorist attacks are just criminal acts, and that we're not really at war," as Cheney tried to imply about Kerry.

The veep conveniently casts the choice in a way that avoids Bush's lack of an exit strategy in Iraq. That's the conundrum Americans everywhere would love to embrace.

Myriam Marquez is an Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel editorial page columnist.

Political animal Kerry switches from hawk to dove

Presidential campaigns, like life itself, are determined by choices. Candidates who make the right political ones get to deal with the real stuff in the Oval Office.

Peter A. Brown

John Kerry now has decided it is most important voters know that he and President Bush have radically different ideas about the war in Iraq.

Only weeks ago, Kerry sang a different tune. Now, however, he has apparently decided the switch is required to prevent the good ship JFK (that's Kerry, not Kennedy) from sinking.

By giving priority to his split with Bush on Iraq, Kerry risks reinforcing the view held by tens of millions of Americans, including some who favor him, that he changes his mind almost as often as his underwear.

Kerry, who doesn't appear to have much of a sense of humor, is kidding himself if he thinks he can do the former without reinforcing the latter. Neither Bush nor the news media will let him.

If Kerry is wrong that the political gain from restating his Iraq position is greater than the loss from reinforcing his flip-flopping image, he will almost certainly lose the White House.

After all, as a U.S. senator, he first voted to give Bush the authority to attack Iraq, a position that Kerry has defended as correct throughout the campaign.

Kerry later opposed funding the troops. He tried to explain away this seeming inconsistency as something other than a flip-flop on the war itself.

Then, as part of his Rambo act leading up to, including and following the Democratic convention, Kerry said he would have voted to authorize the invasion even if he knew

that Saddam Hussein did not have weapons of mass destruction.

But now that he is trailing Bush in the polls, and Democrats are in panic mode, Kerry has staked out another new and contradictory position.

He has abandoned his efforts to outhawk the president and reclaimed the anti-war identity that brought him to the public light after Vietnam and dominated his 20-year Senate career.

"I would not have done just one thing differently than the president on Iraq; I would have done everything differently than the president on Iraq," he says now.

Huh? Obviously, this latest change will merely reinforce the public perception that, depending on whether you give him the benefit of the doubt, Kerry is either indecisive or an unprincipled politician who will say or do anything to get elected.

The change is apparently based on the sage advice from aides — many of whom were the same folks who helped Michael Dukakis lose a 17-point lead over George H.W. Bush in 1988 — that his road to victory

now lies in criticizing the president's policies, even if Kerry had similar ones just weeks ago.

The Bush folks figure most everyone against the war is already in Kerry's camp.

Hence, Bush's approach is to tell voters that Kerry "woke up with yet another new position. And this one is not even his own," suggesting that the Democratic nominee was just aping Howard Dean.

When Bush tells voters, "I think this country wants consistent, principled leadership," he knows the polling data show voters view consistency as Kerry's weakness.

When Gallup's post-Republican convention poll asked voters who they saw as "a strong and decisive leader," they picked Bush over Kerry by a margin of 60 percent to 32 percent. Asked which one is "honest and trustworthy," they cited the president 47 percent to 38 percent for his challenger.

The Kerry folks see the same numbers but have decided their best hope now is the traditional Democratic approach of criticizing the GOP as too militaristic and out of sync with the country's domestic needs. This

strategy comes after their convention was dedicated to the improbable idea Kerry could go to Bush's right on national defense.

Flights of fancy worked for Bill Clinton 12 years ago against Bush's father, but times and the players have changed.

By 1992, the Soviet Union had imploded, and voters were not much interested in defense matters because they took their safety for granted. It was before 9/11 fractured Americans' sense of invulnerability for foreign attacks, putting national security at the top of their agenda this November.

Perhaps just as important, John Kerry is no Bill Clinton, who advised Kerry from his hospital bed while awaiting open-heart surgery to take a new, more combative stance on Iraq.

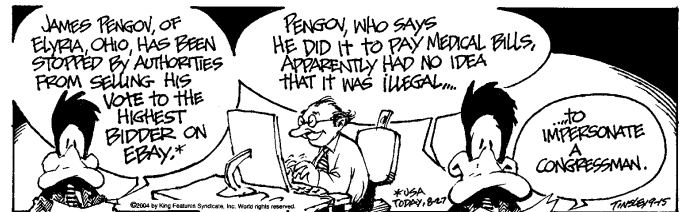
Clinton had the political talents to make voters believe that his changing positions were neither inconsistent nor unprincipled, but justifiable by circumstances.

We are about to see if Kerry can do the same. If so, he might win. If not, he'll lose.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Slithery surprise

NY POTSDAM — A northern New York woman taking a used car out for a test drive found a little something extra under the hood: a 3-foot snake.

Margaret Brusco took a 1999 Honda Accord out for a ride after spotting the car at a dealership in Potsdam. When she noticed the car's hood was ajar, she decided to take a look at the engine.

A Saint Lawrence County sheriff's deputy with experience handling snakes corralled the ball python, an African snake that can grow up to six feet in length. The snake, named Zayla, had escaped its owner's home earlier this summer. It has since been returned to its owner.

Dorm space needed

SC COLUMBIA — State officials signed off on a plan that could allow South Carolina State University in Orangeburg to begin building a 750-bed dormitory. The Budget and Control Board approved the \$36 million project. The school currently has a housing shortage and needs more than 300 beds.

Architect helps the poor

IL CHICAGO — Renowned architect Helmut Jahn has designed sleek, one-of-a-kind structures for bankers and office workers, dabbled in sports and entertainment venues and even erected a modern airline terminal. But one of his latest structures is an environmentally friendly structure in intent on a larger purpose: housing the poor.

Jahn's stainless steel and glass "single room occupancy" building is expected to be built next year on a vacant lot.

The silver structure will consist of 100 units, and includes public areas where residents can meet and socialize. But more importantly, homeless advocates say, it will draw attention to the "supportive housing movement," which promotes single room occupancy buildings as a way to ease the homeless problem.

Farmers in need of aid

ND BISMARCK — Gov. John Hoeven said a recent study of the state's crop losses shows the need for federal disaster aid. An assessment by North Dakota State University shows net crop losses of \$329 million, after factoring in insurance, in the state this year. The total hit to the state's economy is estimated at \$1 billion. Farmers across the state were battered by various weather problems, including drought, flooding, and early frost.

DMV waives fees

WA SEATTLE — A computer error prevented the state Licensing Department from notifying about 152,000 people that their driver's licenses were expiring in July, August and September, officials say. Because of the problem, the agency is waiving the usual \$10 fee for motorists who miss the



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deadline. The computer mistakenly showed the holders of the affected licenses had already been sent notices.

WWII park in works

WY POWELL — A National Park Service study recommends that the site of the World War II Japanese-American internment camp west of Powell be considered for National Historical Landmark designation.

The Heart Mountain Relocation Center site was one of nine properties recommended for historic landmark designation out of the 37 sites examined nationwide. The study focused on sites associated with Japanese-American exclusion, relocation and detention and with Japanese-American service in the U.S. Military during World War II.

School settles lawsuit

VT RUTLAND — The Rutland school district settled a lawsuit filed on behalf of a hearing-impaired student who claimed the district didn't provide him a certified sign language interpreter. The district agreed to provide Nathan Netsch, 17, a Rutland High School senior, with an interpreter certified in American Sign Language. Parents Sally and Gary Netsch

filed the lawsuit, alleging their son couldn't participate in classes without the interpreter. Nathan Netsch can't hear spoken languages.

Construction on hold

HI LIHUE — University regents have delayed plans to create a new college of pharmacy at the University of Hawaii-Hilo because of financing concerns.

The proposed pharmacy college would open in 2007 and have 66 students, with 75 percent from Hawaii. It would be the state's first pharmacy school and help the state meet its needs for pharmacists, which UH-Hilo estimates at 40 per year.

The startup budget for the new building would be about \$20 million plus a yearly \$2 million subsidy from the state.

Party brings trouble

TX SAN ANTONIO — All 42 students cited for underage drinking at a party at a high school teacher's home entered no contest pleas.

The students were fined \$65 each, but all received deferred adjudication at hearings, a municipal court clerk said.

That means the charge will not appear on their records if they successfully complete a 180-day probation period and attend a required eight-hour substance abuse education seminar.

Authorities have not identified the teacher, who has been suspended with pay pending the investigation.

Officials said the teacher and her husband claimed they were asleep upstairs and did not know that more than 60 football players, band members and cheerleaders were drinking alcohol in their home.

Superintendent Mario Sotelo said the students involved were suspended for one football game. The eight football players also had to run 1,000 extra yards at daily practices for a week, he said.

Helping to fight terror

WV MORGANTOWN — West Virginia University is developing a portable, high-tech computer system that could be loaded into airplanes to help pinpoint illegal drug cultivation, identify terrorist enclaves or find a stranded hiker. Project Oculus is a creation of WVU's Center for Industrial Research Applications, funded with nearly \$800,000 in research contracts from anti-drug programs in the Department of Defense and the National Guard.

Casinos plan expansion

IA TAMA — Some Iowa casinos are planning expansions to meet growing demand, as the popularity of televised poker tournaments brings more players to the table. Officials at the Meekville casino near Tama say the casino's \$100 million renovation likely will include more poker tables. Texas Hold'em tournaments on the Travel Channel and ESPN have "totally revived" poker at the casino, spokeswoman Betsy McCloskey said.



Jayhawk dunking Chris Claxton, city of Leawood parks and recreation director and University of Missouri fan, holds up a toy Jayhawk that she was trying to drown after being dunked during a United Way benefit at Ironwoods Park in Leawood, Kan.



Breaking a sweat Southern University women's tennis team members' legs move back and forth in scissor kicks as they exercise to strengthen their abdominal muscles at practice in Baton Rouge, La.



A unique view Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim gets an eye-level view of the Virginia Zoo's newest exhibit, a prairie dog habitat that includes underground viewing bubbles, in Norfolk, Va.



Mower racing

David Long leans into a turn during the finals of the Mowdown Showdown at Possum Trot Days in Walnut Grove, Mo. Long says leaning off the seat and shifting his weight forward is his key to success.



Circus dogs

Jennifer Walker, of Walker Brothers Circus, and a troupe of performing dogs entertains crowds gathered at the Boyle County Fairgrounds in Danville, Ky.



Mmmm, good

Jada Dunson, 4, bites into a coconut cream pie as her father, Arville, cheers her on during a pie eating contest for children at the Gold Star Chili Fest in Cincinnati.



A grand view

Will Gadd, a Canadian professional paraglider, flies over the Grand Canyon in Arizona becoming the first paraglider to cross the Grand Canyon.



A dangerous job

Lao Yang of Milwaukee secures the arms to the center of the Ferris wheel as workers assemble the ride at the Lee County Agri-center in Verona, Miss.

33 years after Attica

NY ALBANY — State employees who survived the 1971 Attica prison riot, or their relatives, will hold a memorial service in Attica to mark the 33rd anniversary of America's bloodiest prison riot. The victims and families are still seeking a settlement with the state for compensation and an apology for the actions of state officials that they say resulted in the disastrous retaking of Attica prison from inmates.

Army practices on goats

CO COLORADO SPRINGS — The Army used to injure dogs to help train medics in combat medicine. Critics complained, so it switched to goats.

Now that practice is under attack.

Humane Society officials are fuming over a Fort Carson exercise in which goats are intentionally wounded, practiced on by Army combat medics, then euthanized.

An Army spokesman said the training can save lives, but the Humane Society said the military could spare the goats by relying on electronic simulations instead.

An Army spokesman confirmed the animals are killed and cremated after the training exercise.

Inmate neglected

TX DALLAS — A mentally ill inmate was cut off from drinking water for nearly two weeks and denied psychiatric medication for almost two months, according to an internal investigation. He nearly died.

James Monroe Mims, 53, was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital after jail trustees found him incoherent on the floor of his cell. Mims spent three months in the hospital, including a month in intensive care, before pulling through, family members said.

A spokeswoman for District Attorney Bill Hill said Hill would consider an investigation if the family requests one.

Parkland emergency room nurses found Mims to be critically ill, suffering from severe dehydration and kidney failure. The News reported. They told investigators he had been lying unaided for a lengthy period of time, and that a lack of water nearly killed him.

Mims was charged in 1978 with two counts of attempted murder in the shooting of two Dallas police officers during a domestic standoff. He was declared mentally incompetent to stand trial, however, and has been in state mental hospitals since.

Grizzly rebound

WY JACKSON — The number of grizzly bears with cubs in the Yellowstone area appears to be rebounding, which could bolster efforts to remove the animals from the endangered species list, biologists said Friday.

A preliminary tally by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team showed 48 females with cubs, up from last year's count of 38.

The increase likely reflects the

natural reproductive cycle, said Mark Haroldson, a biologist with the study team. Female grizzlies typically reproduce only once every three years.

Festering wounds

CA LOS ANGELES — Ignacio Pina was 6 when immigration officers came to his Montana home, held his family behind bars for a week, then herded them onto a train bound for Mexico — a country he and his five siblings had never seen.

It was 1931, the first year of a decade-long effort to remove Mexicans to free up jobs in a U.S. economy mired in the Great Depression. Estimates of the number of people caught in the raids range from 500,000 to 2 million, with researchers agreeing that they included tens of thousands of legal immigrants, as well as children like Pina who were born in the United States.

"Mexican Repatriation," authorized by President Hoover and carried out in cooperation with local authorities, targeted areas with large Hispanic populations, mostly in California, Texas and Michigan. It left festering emotional wounds that for many have still not healed.

Fraternity shut down

CO DENVER — The Colorado State University chapter of a fraternity where a 19-year-old woman was found dead was shut down the same day the school's Greek system adopted rules barring alcohol from sorority and fraternity houses and some parties.

The Sigma Pi house was closed after university officials said an investigation turned up violations of alcohol rules during the past year.

Samantha Spady, a sophomore business major from Beatrice, Neb., was found dead in a lounge at the fraternity house. Police suspect drinking contributed to her death and have ruled out foul play. The Larimer County coroner had not determined the cause of death.

Investigators believe she had been dead for 12 hours before a fraternity member found her body.

Cross-dresser arrested

PA GREENSBURG — A man who was fixated on a former cheerleader for 13 years was arrested after he allegedly entered a high school locker room and claimed he was a cheerleading coach, police said.

Robert Domansky, who dresses as a woman and goes by the name Kelly Dawn Hullenbaugh, was charged with trespassing, identity theft, stalking and other offenses, Greensburg police Capt. George Seranko said.

Police believe Domansky, 48, changed his name after becoming fixated on Hullenbaugh — a former high school cheerleader who has since been married, divorced and has a different last name.

He uses the woman's name on his driver's license and has tattoos depicting her name and picture, Seranko said.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

The sun passes Mars in Virgo today, which has a strange effect on our ego. You could hurt your own feelings by measuring your accomplishments against an inappropriate example. Give yourself a lot of loving care instead. Anticipate that the outside world might be busy, cranky or ready to snap at the slightest provocation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 15), It's a year of magical happenings.

You'll be amazed by a coincidence that happens in the next three weeks. It's a sign about which way to go, so heed it! The money picture in October is terrific. Social opportunities are plenty through the holiday season. Love signs are Pisces and Sagittarius. The best time to start a business is in June.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your instinct to help out friends leads you into a fabulous position. It's wonderful when you get positive reinforcement for doing exactly what comes naturally to you. Your work goes smoothly once you've stopped worrying.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Amid a hailstorm of projects and responsibilities, loved ones conveniently pile on more for you to handle. This is a blessing in disguise, forcing you to focus like never before—or at least better than you were.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The least likely scenario is the one that will probably happen. Your job is to plan for it. In true Gemini form, you may think "What does she mean by this strange word plan?" It's not your forte, but do it, and you won't be sorry.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've got impressive gusto and will begin activities with a bang. However, beware the tendency to stop short of success. Action must be carried through in order to find out what the result is going to be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If something is not going to work out, make the call now. Work situations that were based on you doing all the

work (and getting very little of the money) will be a thing of the past if you assert your interests now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Get things organized. Without a solid system in place, you'll be overwhelmed with the rubbish that, unfortunately, is a residual effect of the business at hand. Getting help with forms or paperwork will ease the load.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Love insists on doing it one way, not yours, so you'll have to decide if you'd rather be together or be right. Outsiders may misunderstand the dynamics of your relationship, but don't bother explaining.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). All systems are in agreement that forward motion is best. No matter how difficult it is to admit that mistakes were made in the past, bringing the truth to light will make it possible to go forward with gumption.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be careful not to judge yourself too harshly. Where you've been isn't always a great indicator of where you are going. Leave room for that wild card. Predict big, and make impressive, huge, impossible resolutions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Keep your eyes open to deals that go down early in the day—there's something valuable in it for you, though it's not what you think. If a relationship is not growing, there's a reason, and it's time to figure out what it is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The stars zap you with terrific vision that is usually only provided by hindsight. You now make choices quickly and with certainty. You're in control with your essential self, the unchanging part of you that's always bearing witness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The secret to success is to surround yourself with people who have a vested interest in seeing you do well. Being part of team also will motivate you to stick to your goal. Tonight, you'll know just where the action is.

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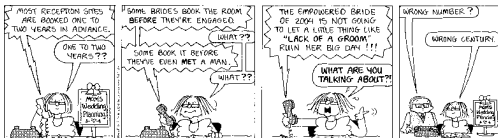
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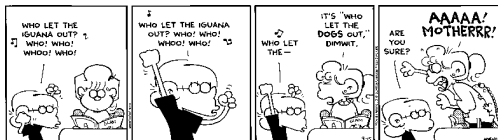
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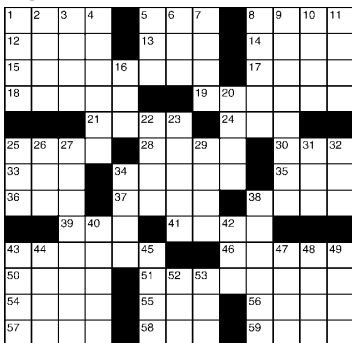
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- 15 Officer's offspring?
- 17 Pearl Mosque site
- 18 Animal track
- 19 It helps if you break your word
- 21 Snack
- 24 "Eureka!"
- 25 Unfriendly
- 28 Frail
- 30 Cavalier, essentially
- 33 Coexist
- 34 Pole dance?
- 35 "Platoon" setting
- 36 Implore
- 37 Dubious reply
- 38 Sends out invitations
- 39 Cleo's slayer
- 41 East Rutherford cagers
- 43 Singer Michael
- 46 Sudden onrush
- 50 Mayberry moppet
- 51 Tall cupboard
- 54 Labyrinth
- 55 Complete
- 56 Harvest
- 57 Indulged in extortion
- 58 Thinner
- 59 Uncomplicated

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- 26 Tramcar contents
- 27 Make lawfully valid
- 29 "Rock — Baby"
- 31 Erstwhile acorn
- 32 Type squares
- 34 Fat removal, for short
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals R

Suspicious mom won't talk sex

Dear Abby: I am a 13-year-old girl with a lot of questions about sex and growing up. I can't ask my mom because every time I bring up the subject, she accuses me of having sex. There isn't another adult I would consider talking to about this. Abby, I am not having sex—I am just curious. Is it wrong to be curious? Please help me.

Blind-sided in Bronxville, N.Y.
Dear Blind-sided: It is normal to be curious.

As a mother, I should thank her lucky stars that you are coming to her for information. Many young people turn to their friends for answers, which often turn out to be wrong.

Please clip this item. Give it to your mother and tell her you wrote it. You are not a little girl anymore, and you should already have been armed with accurate information.

The Sexuality Information and Education Council has a wealth

of information resources and tools for parents in addressing this important subject. Its Web site, www.familiesaretalking.org, helps families talk about sexuality-related issues and provides information and resources for young people, parents and caregivers.

Dear Abby



If your mother continues to accuse you of being sexually active or puts you off, go to the library and ask the librarian for books on the subject. Other reliable Web resources include Planned Parenthood's Teenwire, www.teenwire.com, and the American Social Health Association, www.ihawna-know.org, which is a safe place for teens to learn about sexual health.

Dear Abby: I recently started dating a man I'll call Freddy. We met through an online dating service. We live in the same city and have had several dates,

including a sleep-over. I am completely taken with him.

My problem is that Freddy continues to keep his profile on the dating site and visits it frequently. He says he goes there only if someone contacts him. I told him it makes me feel insecure; he said until he feels "safe" (previous women have left him for other men), he's going to continue to go to the site.

Am I wrong to feel insecure about this, or do lots of people leave their profiles active while dating someone?

—Suspicious in Columbia, S.C.
Dear Suspicious: Many people do—at least for a while. And if I were you, I'd remember that several dates and a sleep-over are not a committed or exclusive relationship. Although you may be "completely" taken with Freddy, he may prefer to test-drive several models before buying a car—or anything else. Slow down.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: WHOOP NEWLY ISLAND BABOON
Answer: When the tornado hunters spotted the twister, they were — "BLOWN AWAY"

Wife had child from affair at work

Dear Annie: I'm a 41-year-old man who has been with my wife, "Christine," since high school. We have been married for 12 years, and I adore her deeply.

Four years ago, Christine became pregnant, and I was on top of the world. She gave birth to a terrific little boy. However, I noticed right away that he was a bit more "tart" than I expected. A few months later, Christine became a little intoxicated one night and told me my son was, in fact, not mine. He was a biracial child from an affair she had with a man at her office.

I was so attached to the baby that I forgave Christine, but in the back of my mind, I really haven't. I feel cheated, not to mention foolish for not knowing what was going on behind my back. When I try to explain this to Christine, she turns it around and makes me out to be the bad guy. She says the baby did nothing wrong.

Right now, I am staying in the marriage only because of this

Annie's Mailbox



child, but if I leave, I'll feel guilty.

—Confused and Hurt
Dear Confused: The baby did nothing wrong, but that doesn't let Christine off the hook. Has she at least expressed remorse for her affair or made any effort to regain your trust? Forgiving an affair takes time and effort, and usually, marriage counseling.

Christine should be willing to work on this with you. Also, if you leave, Christine could create legal problems regarding custody of a child that is not biologically yours. See an attorney before you make any major decisions.

Dear Annie: I am the new head cheerleading coach at my daughter's very small high school. My daughter, "Amanda," has cheered for several years and has even won national honors.

During this upcoming school season, Amanda plans to try out

for captain of the squad. She is highly competent and well-qualified for the position. She is certain that if I were not the coach, she would be appointed captain. However, I am afraid that by giving her this position, I will be opening myself, as well as Amanda, to a lot of nastiness.

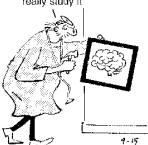
I think Amanda would do a great job, but I want to be fair to everyone. How should I handle this, especially with the other parents?

—Confused Coach
Dear Coach: You should not be the one selecting Amanda to be captain. You can let the team members elect their own captain, or you can appoint an impartial group of parents to pick someone. That way, whatever happens, no one can accuse you of favoritism, and no one will assume Amanda won (or didn't) because of you.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron

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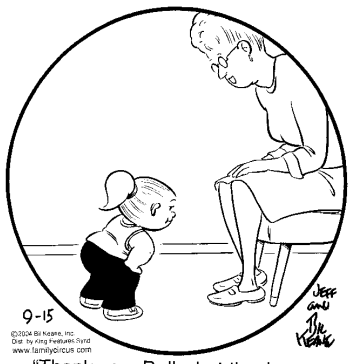
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Family Circus



"Thank you, Dolly, but they're not tattoos. They're varicose veins."

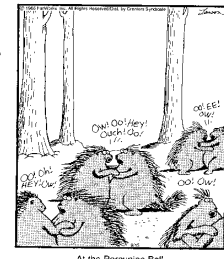


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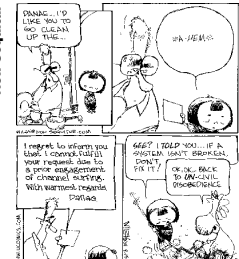
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Singh denies Weir, Canada a celebration

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OKAVILLE, Ontario — Now that he is No. 1 in the world, Vijay Singh figures the best way to stay there is to continue his amazing golf and to play better than everyone in the field that week.

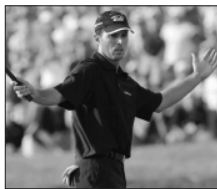
That's what happened in the Canadian Open — and it made Singh the slightest bit sad.

He would have preferred that the last guy standing between him and the trophy had been anyone but Mike Weir.

Singh spoiled what was shaping up as a raucous celebration Sunday, overcoming a two-shot deficit with three holes to play and beating Weir on the third hole of a playoff, robbing Canada of its first national champion in 50 years — on the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Open, no less.

"I really do feel for Mike," Singh said after closing with a birdie on the final hole for a 2-under 69 that forced a playoff when Weir missed a 10-footer for birdie in the final group. "That was the one person I didn't want to beat. He wanted to win this tournament so bad, but that's the way it goes."

"Somebody has to win."
Likely, that person inevitably is Singh. Replacing Tiger Woods at No. 1 in the world ranking last week might have seemed like a crowning achievement, but now the 41-year-old Fijian is primed to do so much more.



Mike Weir reacts after missing a putt on the first playoff hole in the final of the Canadian Open golf championship at Glen Abbey in Oakville, Ontario, on Sunday.

He won for the seventh time this year, joining Woods (twice), Jack Nicklaus (twice), Tom Watson and Johnny Miller as the only players to have won that often in a season since 1970.

Better yet, Singh earned \$810,000 to push his season earnings to a few dollars short of \$8.7 million — and is closing in on Woods' record of \$9.1 million set in 2000.

Woods won nine times that year. Don't think Singh isn't aware of that.

"I've still got five events in the U.S. — two of them no-cut events," he said, break-

ing into laughter. "I'm playing well. I'm not going to back off. I'm going to try to come out and win a few more events by the end of the year. If I do it, that's another story."

The story Sunday at Glen Abbey was Weir.

And ultimately, this will be remembered as one of his let slip away.

Three times Weir had a putt to win the tournament — a 10-foot birdie on the 72nd hole, a 25-foot eagle at No. 18 on the first playoff hole, and a 5-foot par putt at No. 17 on the second extra hole. He missed them all.

"For whatever reason, I could not find a comfort level on the greens," Weir said.

He ran out of chances on No. 18 for the third playoff hole, pulling his tee shot into the rough, laying up and hitting a wedge into the water. Singh hit another zoomer drive, and only had to three-putt from the fringe to collect his 22nd career PGA Tour victory, one behind Phil Mickelson.

"It's unbelievable," Singh said.

Canada felt the same way.
Not since Pat Fletcher in 1954 had a Canadian won his national championship in golf. Some 40,000 fans flocked to the Abbey; it only sounded as if the entire nation had gathered for a celebration that looked so certain.

When Weir hit his approach to 2 inches on the sixth hole, the fans stood and pumped their arms, screaming like they never wanted this day to end.

"I was literally deaf, just being screamed at," Weir said. "I had to open my mouth and give a yawn to pop my ears as I got to the tee. It was pretty cool."

Did he feel the weight of a nation on his shoulders?

"Every shot," Weir said.

Singh felt it, too. He is used to hearing cheers from someone else — John Daly in the Buick Open, Woods last year in the Deutsche Bank Championship — but it was nothing quite like this.

"They were not interfering with my play," Singh said. "They were not cheering against me, they were cheering for Mike. There's a big difference — although on 15 when I missed that putt, they all got excited."

The crowd also let out a big roar when Singh missed an 8-foot par putt on No. 17, the second playoff hole. And they inhaled, ready to give all they had when Weir sank the winning 5-foot par putt — only he missed it to the right.

"It was me who didn't get it done," Weir said. "I just didn't have anything falling my way the last few days."

Weir closed with a 72, the only time he failed to break par all week, and both players finished at 9-under 275.

But the playoff could have been avoided — and so could what is sure to be a day of mourning in Canadian golf.

"I think maybe in the end, I was just trying too hard," Weir said. "That's this crazy game."

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Cowboys outgunned by Vikings' Culpepper

BY DAVE CAMPBELL
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Daunte Culpepper and the Minnesota Vikings started another season strong, and this time they're hoping to finish it that way.

Culpepper did just about everything well against Dallas — recognizing the pressure, running for first downs, making all the right throws and protecting the ball.

He threw a career-high five touchdown passes Sunday to lead the Vikings past the Cowboys 35-17 — and help his teammates forget the sting of a gut-wrenching, last-second loss in Arizona that ended the 2003 season and kept them out of the playoffs.

"It was definitely some motivation," Culpepper said. "We were able to get that taste out of our mouth."

Vinny Testaverde did his best to match Minnesota's rising star.

Testaverde was 29-for-50 for 355 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions. His favorite target, Keyshawn Johnson, caught nine passes for 111 yards in his first game with the Cowboys.

It was Johnson's first regular season appearance since last Nov. 16, before he was permanently benched in a conflict with Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden.

"We play 15 more games," Johnson said. "That's as positive as I can be. I'm not into losing."

At age 27, Culpepper should be entering his prime — and, the Vikings hope, leaving all those fumbles and interceptions behind



Minnesota Vikings cornerback Antoine Winfield, right, hauls Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson out of bounds during the first quarter Sunday in Minneapolis.

him. Against a depleted Dallas secondary, Culpepper went 17-for-23 for 242 yards, no turnovers and passes to nine receivers.

"I don't feel I have to make a play all the time with all these guys around me," Culpepper said.

Randy Moss caught two TD passes, and Otis Armstrong, Marcus Robinson and Kelly Campbell each had one.

"He gives guys opportunities to make their money," Robinson said. Darren Woodson's back injury left Dal-

las with one proven player in the secondary, Terence Newman, to defend Culpepper, Moss and the rest of Minnesota's offense that led the league in total yards last year.

"I can feel happy going home tonight knowing that everybody contributed to this victory," said Moss, who had only 27 yards receiving. "We can just hang our hats on this and look forward to next week."

The Cowboys couldn't do anything on the ground. Veteran Eddie George looked awfully slow and finished with 25 yards on eight rushes — all in the first half.

"I understand what my role is," George said. "It's a long season, and hopefully I'll get some opportunities next week."

Rookie Julius Jones might give the Cowboys a lift, but he was inactive with bruised ribs. Richie Anderson, another of Parcells' guys from his days with the New York Jets, had 10 yards on six carries and lost a fumble at the Minnesota 19 with 9:35 to play and the Vikings leading by 11.

ReShard Lee, appearing in his first NFL regular-season game, was almost solely responsible for Dallas' second touchdown. He returned a kickoff 62 yards and ran four times for 31 yards, the last a 7-yard rumble off left guard to cut Minnesota's lead to 21-17 early in the third quarter.

That was as close as the Cowboys came, though.

"It wasn't all bad," Testaverde said. "We were able to move the ball up and down the field a little bit. We just need to continue to work at getting it into the end zone."

Griffin: 5-foot-8 back stands tall

GRIFFIN, FROM BACK PAGE

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play with a guy like that," Plummer said. "He's one of the great players to play in this league."

The game was supposed to be more of a defensive matchup than in years past after both teams made changes.

It didn't work out that way.

Kansas City's defense ranked

29th in the league last season, costing defensive coordinator Greg Robinson his job. The Chiefs didn't look any different under Gunther Cunningham.

Denver scored on its first three possessions, Plummer threw for 230 yards and two touchdowns and the Chiefs couldn't keep up with Griffin's jitterbug moves. Denver finished with 413 yards.

"They screwed us up with a lot of the different things they did," Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said. "A little different than what they've ever done and it screwed us up."

The Broncos added Pro Bowl players Bailey and John Lynch in an attempt to better on defense. They were better than the Chiefs, but still gave up 151 yards and three touchdowns to Priest Holmes.

Denver also gave up a 17-7 half-time lead 3½ minutes into the third quarter, but that had more to do with Plummer than anything the defense did.

His first pass of the third quarter was intercepted by Monty



Denver Broncos cornerback Champ Bailey (24) dives over Chiefs defender Jerome Woods trying to pick up a first down after lining up at wide receiver during the first quarter in Denver on Sunday night.

Beisel, leading to Lawrence Tynes' 50-yard field goal. Plummer then tried to throw left-handed to avoid a safety on the next drive.

That one ended up in the hands of Shawn Barber, and Holmes scored two plays later on a 4-yard run, tying the game at 17 as Plummer stood on the sideline shaking his head.

"We were fortunate that the game was that close," Vermeil said. "If it hadn't been for taking the ball away it wouldn't have been that close because we were not doing anything effectively."

After Griffin and Holmes trad-

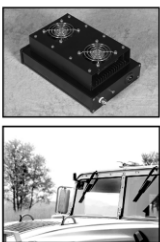
ed touchdowns runs, Denver took the lead back on Elam's 45-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter.

Griffin then helped seal it, juking his way to a 19-yard run to set up Plummer's 2-yard touchdown pass to Patrick Hape with just more than two minutes left.

"On that last drive, he made some people look foolish out there and helped us get that last touchdown," Plummer said of Griffin.

Chiefs cornerback William Barteau was carted off the field with a sprained neck. Barteau was injured late in the first quarter when the side of his head hit Denver's Rod Smith on the hip during a punt.

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Redskins running back Clinton Portis finishes a 64-yard TD jaunt in front of Bucs safety Jermaine Phillips.

Portis, defense key win for Gibbs

By JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — Joe Gibbs was outcoached in his first NFL opener in 12 years — by one of his assistants.

With his offense sputtering, Gibbs emerged a winner in his comeback game because of a sophisticated, aggressive game plan by defensive coach Gregg Williams. The Washington Redskins forced two turnovers that led to scores and had four sacks Sunday in their 16-10 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"I can't take any credit for that," said Gibbs, who concentrates almost solely on offensive schemes. "All I do is walk down there and scream, 'Stop 'em!'"

Still, the day was all about Gibbs, who was back with the team he led to three Super Bowl titles from 1981-92. The emotions were really churning in the days leading up to the game, and the Hall of Fame coach was relieved that all the work and stress produced a reward.

"It was huge for me, I can tell you that," said Gibbs, who earned his 125th regular-season victory and 141st overall. "And I think it was for our players, too. As a family and everything else, for us it's a big deal. I told my players that I hope now the attention can go on them."

The offense made its mark on the opening drive when Clinton Portis cut back through a huge hole and ran 64 yards for a touchdown in his first carry with the Redskins. Portis finished with 148 yards on 29 carries, but it was the defense that carried the team for the final 55 minutes.

"The defense was incredible," said quarterback Mark Brunell, whose fumble deep in Washington territory gave Tampa Bay its only touchdown. "The offense has some work to do."

The Redskins led the Bucs without an offensive touchdown for the game and without a first down

until midway through the second quarter. Of John Hall's three field goals, two came directly off turnovers.

"We had trouble getting much going," Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden said. "The myriad of blitzes we got makes it difficult at times to run the football. You've got to hit a big play somewhere in the passing game. You have to deliver a play, somewhere, somehow, to try to get the defense out of the system."

It never happened. Tampa Bay finished with 169 total yards, including just 30 rushing on 15 carries.

The Bucs also lost Joey Galloway to a groin strain in the second quarter. Gruden would only say that Galloway is out "indefinitely."

Although the Redskins dominated early, they led only 10-3 at halftime. Then Tampa Bay tied it in the third quarter when Brunell, after tripping while taking the snap, stretched on one knee to try to give the ball to Portis. The ball was deflected high into the air and was eventually grabbed by Ronde Barber, who ran 9 yards for the touchdown.

The score gave the Buccaneers the momentum, but the Redskins got it back when Antonio Pierce, starting at middle linebacker in place of injured Mike Barrow, intercepted a pass deep over the middle.

Six plays later, Hall kicked a 30-yard field goal with 8:55 remaining to put Washington ahead for good.

A pair of sacks, including a second in the game by blitzing safety Matt Bowen, thwarted Tampa Bay's next drive. The Redskins then essentially ran out the clock, adding a final field goal with 16 seconds to play.

Needless to say, Williams was high in demand for congratulations in the locker room after the game, but he threw the praise right back to Gibbs.

"Joe Gibbs' football teams take the ball away and protect the football," Williams said. "He preaches that every day."

Falcons ground 49ers for victory

By GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Michael Vick was hot from brilliant. In fact, he spent most of his first game in the Atlanta Falcons' new offense running away from Julian Peterson and San Francisco 49ers' new defense.

Jim Mora's newest star pupil couldn't do much against the coach's former students — but thanks to a defense that has already learned a great deal from Mora, Atlanta left San Francisco with a season-opening victory.

Aaron Beasley returned a goal-line interception 85 yards in the fourth quarter and Rod Coleman batted down Tim Rattay's pass on a 2-point conversion attempt with 40 seconds left in the Falcons' 21-19 victory on Sunday.

Mora, the longtime San Francisco defensive coordinator who took over the Falcons last January, knows the 49ers better than most of San Francisco coach Dennis Erickson's assistants. But that knowledge wasn't helpful or comforting when the 49ers awoke from a game-long slumber to drive for two late touchdowns that nearly forced overtime.

"You expect the 49ers to play well at the end of the game, because that's the kind of organization and pride they have," said Mora, an assistant in San Francisco for seven seasons. "My heart was bouncing around in my chest a little bit, but our guys came through."

Warrick Dunn rushed for two touchdowns and Vick was 13-for-22 for 163 yards. Most of Vick's struggles were caused by an aggressive defense led by Peterson, the All-Pro linebacker who sacked Vick twice and forced two fumbles.

Atlanta's defense, revitalized after ranking last in the NFL last season, also was outstanding until the final minutes. The defensive duel left Mora happy, but conflicted after Atlanta's first victory at San Francisco since 1991.

"It may sound crazy, but I was extremely proud of our defense,

and I was also proud of their defense," Mora said. "Those are some guys that I coached for a long time."

After Beasley's interception and rambling return, Dunn spun into the end zone for his second touchdown with 8:57 to play. The 49ers didn't quit despite a 21-6 deficit and thousands of fans heading to the exits.

Rattay, Jeff Garcia's longtime backup who was handed the starting quarterback job by the club's offseason salary purge, left in the second quarter with a shoulder injury and an aching head after Coleman sacked him.

But Rattay was sharp in the fourth quarter, finishing 18-of-31 for 175 yards.

"I was pretty crazy," Rattay said. "I don't know if I got a concussion or not. I didn't play very well, but it's all about winning or losing, not how you played."

Cedrick Wilson caught Rattay's first scoring pass with 6:14 left. Rattay then hit Eric Johnson with a 16-yard TD pass, capping a gritty 62-yard drive — but Coleman blocked Rattay's low pass to Brandon Boyd on the conversion attempt.

"We were real close to making it interesting," Peterson said. "I thought we were going to do it again."

Pro Bowl tight end Alge Crumpler and Dunn scored early touchdowns, but the Falcons mostly struggled in their first game running the West Coast-flavored offense of coordinator Greg Knapp, who left the 49ers with Mora.

Vick remains confident, even after the Falcons managed just 227 total yards.

"I knew that I could do it the entire time," Vick said. "I'm comfortable with it — it's tough to win in this league. I don't care if you're playing the sorriest team in the league, it's tough to win."

Ken Dorsey replaced Rattay in the second quarter and guided the 49ers to two field goals in his first NFL action. Jeff Ulbrich intercepted Vick's tipped pass midway through the third quarter to set up the second kick.

Feeley to start for Miami

The Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Quarterback A.J. Feeley will remain in the Miami Dolphins' lineup for now.

Feeley played well enough coming off the bench in the season-opening loss to earn a start this week at Cincinnati, coach Dave Wannstedt said Sunday.

That means a demotion for Jay Fiedler.

Feeley threw for a touchdown, but had an interception returned for a score in the Dolphins' 17-7 loss Saturday to Tennessee.

"To give us the best chance to

beat the Bengals and do what we need to do offensively, he'll be ready to do that," Wannstedt said. But Feeley's hold on No. 1 is tenuous. Wannstedt said he may continue to shuffle quarterbacks.

"Whatever we've got to do to win at any position, we're going to do it," he said.

Feeley will take over a sputtering offense hampered by injuries.

Starting running back Travis Minor and backup Sammy Morris missed the second half of the opener due to sprained ankles, and their availability after Cincinnati is uncertain.

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Philly loves Owens' 3 T's, celebrations

BY DAN GELSTON

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia can't wait to see what Terrell Owens has planned for an encore.

Owens had three touchdown catches, Donovan McNabb threw for 330 yards and tied a career high with four TD passes and Brian Westbrook ran for 119 yards, leading the Eagles to a 31-17 victory over the New York Giants on Sunday.

"This is what I really lobbied to get here for," Owens said.

It was a quite a debut for Owens, who brought his electrifying catches and big plays to Philadelphia after eight sometimes-controversial seasons in San Francisco. The Eagles were willing to put up with his flamboyant and outspoken ways

in exchange for the go-to receiver they've missed in three straight NFC title-game losses.

So far, so good, though Owens did get stuck in traffic on his way to Lincoln Financial field and was told by a police officer he wouldn't make it in time without a police escort.

Traffic was the only thing slowing down Owens. He had an easier time finding the end zone, with touchdown catches of 20, 3 and 12 yards.

The four-time Pro Bowl receiver, known for his outlandish TD celebrations, kept it low key. He stood in the end zone and flexed his right arm while cradling the ball in his left arm after his first score. He flapped his arms after the last one, then took a few bows on the sideline while fans chanted, "T-O! T-O!"

The Eagles will have to wait for any thing more fine-worthy.

"Right now we're acting like we've been there before," McNabb said. "It depends on the course of the game and how things are going if we decide to hit them with a little dazzle-dazzle."

Owens, acquired in a three-team trade with the 49ers and Baltimore in March, finished with eight catches for 68 yards.

While Owens had a stellar debut, two-time NFL MVP Kurt Warner had a giants' first game and how things are going if we decide to hit them with a little dazzle-dazzle."

"I was glad to get in there, but under the circumstances, not glad to get in there," Manning said.

Warner, who led St. Louis to a Super Bowl victory in 1999, has lost his last nine starts, including to the New England Patriots in the 2001 Super Bowl.

Released by the Rams in June after losing his job to Marc Bulger, Warner finished 16-for-28 for 203 yards and was sacked four times. Barber had 125 yards rushing on nine carries.

The Giants scored first on Ron Dayne's 3-yard run early in the first quarter, then watched the game turn into the McNabb-Owens show.

McNabb was chased out of the pocket by Michael Strahan, scrambled toward the right sideline, stutter-stepped near the 10, kept rolling and threw across his body just before stepping out of bounds.

Owens caught the TD pass for a 14-7 lead.

Sunday's NFL stars:

Quarterbacks

■ Donovan McNabb, Eagles, threw for 330 yards and tied a career high with four TD passes in a 31-17 win over the Giants.

■ Marc Bulger moved to 19-4 as the Rams' starting quarterback by going 23-for-34 for 272 yards and a TD in a 17-10 win against Arizona.

■ Daunte Culpepper, Vikings, threw for a career-high five TDs, hitting 17 of 23 throws for 242 yards in a 35-17 victory over Dallas.

■ Vinny Testaverde, Cowboys, hit 29-for-50 for 355 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions, in the loss to Minnesota.



AP photos

Running backs

■ Curtis Martin, Jets, ran for 196 yards and a touchdown, and had his first TD reception in four years in a 33-24 win over Cincinnati. It was the third-most yards he's gained in a game.

■ Shaun Alexander, Seahawks, rushed for 135 yards and two touchdowns and caught another score in a 21-7 win at New Orleans.

■ Lubinian Tomlinson, Chargers, ran for 121 yards and a touchdown in leading a 27-20 victory at Houston.

■ Clinton Portis, in his first game with the Redskins, ran for 148 yards and a 64-yard TD on his first carry.

■ Quentin Griffin, Broncos, keyed a 36-24 win over Kansas City by rushing for 156 yards and scoring three touchdowns in his first game as Portis' replacement.

■ Priest Holmes, Chiefs, had 151 yards rushing and three touchdowns at Den-

Receivers

■ Isaac Bruce, Rams, caught nine passes for 112 yards and the clinching touchdown in a 17-10 win over Arizona.

■ Keyshawn Johnson, Cowboys, caught nine passes for 111 yards in his first game with Dallas, a 35-17 loss to Minnesota.

■ Terrell Owens, in his Eagles debut, had touchdown catches of 20, 3 and 12 yards as Philadelphia beat the Giants 31-17.

■ Antonio Gates, who did not play college football, caught eight passes for 123 yards in San Diego's 27-20 victory at Houston.

■ David Terrell, Bears, had the first 100-yard receiving day of his career with 126 on five catches in a 20-16 loss to Detroit.

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American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	G
New York	90	53	.629	163
Boston	72	70	.507	163
Baltimore	69	84	.461	24
Chicago	68	89	.434	163
Toronto	55	101	.353	163

Central Division	W	L	Pct	G
Minnesota	82	60	.577	163
Chicago	72	70	.507	163
Cleveland	67	79	.459	163
St. Louis	67	80	.453	163
Kansas City	51	95	.351	163

West Division	W	L	Pct	G
Oakland	83	59	.585	-
Seattle	86	56	.606	39
Texas	78	64	.549	39
Los Angeles	69	73	.486	39

Sunday's games	W	L	Pct	G
Minnesota @ Detroit	1	0	1.000	1
N.Y. Yankees @ Baltimore	2	0	1.000	1
Tampa Bay @ Kansas City	1	0	1.000	1
Anaheim @ Chicago White Sox	1	0	1.000	1

Monday's games	W	L	Pct	G
Baltimore @ Detroit	1	0	1.000	1
Anaheim @ Kansas City	1	0	1.000	1
Anaheim @ Seattle	1	0	1.000	1
Seattle @ Oakland	1	0	1.000	1

Tuesday's games	W	L	Pct	G
Tampa Bay @ Kansas City	1	0	1.000	1
Los Angeles @ Cleveland	1	0	1.000	1
Baltimore @ Toronto	1	0	1.000	1
Seattle @ Oakland	1	0	1.000	1

AL wild card standings	W	L	Pct	G
Boston	85	66	.566	160
Anaheim	81	61	.570	5

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Philadelphia	74	69	517	10%	Chavez
York	61	81	430	23	
Real	59	84	413	25%	Monte
Central Division					Armas
Louis	94	48	.662	—	Eisner
ago	76	64	.543	17	Majew
ton	78	66	.542	17	Varga
burgh	66	77	.462	28%	Tucker
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Going strong!

Bonds' 699th is one to remember

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Barry Bonds moved within one homer of 700 with a drive that will be remembered — a 460-foot shot off the scoreboard in center field.

Bonds' 699th home run helped the San Francisco Giants beat Arizona 5-2 on Sunday to regain the NL wild-card lead.

Bonds had a feeling Mike Kopolov would pitch to him.

"I could see it in his face," Bonds said.

"Like, 'I'm tired of this, too. You might miss it.'"

Bonds had walked twice, increasing his record total to 203, before hitting his 61st homer of the season, the 100th September homer of his career. He's third on the career list behind Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714).

"If you don't start your car eventually, the battery goes dead," Bonds said. "I'm sitting over there just rooting for everybody and, hopefully, we're staying in this thing, but my car's got to start, too, once in a while."

"To be honest with you," Kopolov said, "I thought I threw a perfect pitch. He was, I guess, just standing a little close to the JumboTron when he hit it."

San Francisco (79-65) won for the sixth time in eight games and pulled one game ahead of Chicago (76-64) and Houston (78-66).

Jason Schmidt (16-6) pitched a four-hitter and struck out nine, including A.J. Pierzynski, J.T. Snow and Pedro Feliz hit solo homers.

Schmidt gave up RBI hits to Alan Zinter and Luis Tterero in the first two innings, but then retired 22 of his last 23 batters while the Giants rallied.

"He picked up the intensity and picked up his mental approach, and he was lights out," Pierzynski said. "He's been struggling with the groin, and I think he finally said, 'You know what? I've got to get over this,' and he did that."

Randy Choate (1-3) was the loser in Arizona's 100th defeat this season.

Astros 5, Pirates 4: Pinch-hitter Jason Lane drove in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and the Houston Astros, led hitless by Dave Williams for six innings, rallied to beat host Pittsburgh.

Eric Bruntlett doubled to start the 10th against Pirates closer Jose Mesa (5-2) and scored on Lane's one-out double, his ninth pinch-hit of the season.

Winning what manager Phil Garner called a must-have game following three losses in four games in Pittsburgh, the Astros stayed a game behind San Francisco in the NL wild-card race. The Giants beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 5-2.

Chad Qualls came in with two on in the 10th and got Abraham Nunez to ground into a game-ending double play for his first career save.

Houston's Roy Oswalt left with a 4-2 lead after seven innings and was in position to become the NL's first 18-game winner, but the Pirates rallied for two runs against closer Brad Lidge (5-5), who had converted 21 of 24 save opportunities.

Cardinals 7, Dodgers 6: Larry Walker went 4-for-5 with two homers and three RBIs for St. Louis.

While the Cardinals ended the Dodgers' five-game winning streak, St. Louis went 2-4 on its first losing road trip of the season.



San Francisco's Barry Bonds hits his 699th career homer during the ninth inning of Sunday's 5-2 victory over Arizona, helping the Giants move one game ahead of the Chicago Cubs in the NL wild-card race.

Chris Carpenter (15-5) allowed six runs — five earned — and eight hits in five innings and Jason Irvin caught four outs for his 41st save. The Dodgers' NL West lead was cut to five games over San Francisco. Edwin Jackson (2-1) was the loser.

Hidden Nomo allowed six runs and nine hits in 3 1/3 innings in his third start after missing two months because of inflammation in his rotator cuff.

Nomo gave up three hits to Walker, who had been only 3-for-25 against him.

Sox can't solve Meche; fall 3 1/2 behind

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Boston Red Sox were beating up on pitchers — until they ran into one.

The unheralded right-hander threw a five-hit Sunday for his second career shutout, leading the Seattle Mariners to a 2-0 victory over Boston.

"To shut a team like this down, when they're in a pennant race and they've scored the most runs in baseball, it's great," he said. "They've got a tough lineup and I just made some good pitches."

Anaheim also got a stellar pitching performance from Bartolo Colon (15-11), who went seven innings in an 11-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox. He became the fourth Angels pitcher to win 15 games in his first year with the club, joining Nolan Ryan (1972), Bill Singer (1973) and Bert Blyleven (1989).

Colon, who pitched for Chicago last season, held his former teammates to six hits and won for the 10th time in 13 decisions.

"I've got a lot of guys on that club and they know my pitches, so mixing it up was important," he said.

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Colon struck out six and walked one. Garrett Anderson drove in two runs, but the Angels, who remained two games behind first-place Oakland in the AL West, Anaheim did gain some ground in the wild-card race, trimming Boston's lead to five games.

The Red Sox never solved Meche (5-6), who walked one, struck out four and ran in 12 of his final 13 batters in his third career complete game. The other two games were shortened to five innings because of rain.

"That doesn't count," Meche said. "A five-inning rainout doesn't mean anything to me. I kept waiting for this one. I finally got this one under my belt. I feel like I can get a few more."

Shut out for the third time this season, Boston fell 3 1/2 games behind the first-place New York Yankees in the AL East. The Red Sox, who lead the majors with 825 runs, are 30-10 since Aug. 1.

"We're in a good spot," center-fielder Johnny Damon said. "We know the teams in the West are going to start beating each other up. We're just going to have to play good ball if we want to get to the playoffs. And we know we're going to play good ball."

Raul Ibanez hit a two-run homer for the Mariners and Ichiro Suzuki went 2-for-4 with two singles, boosting his total to 374 hits this season. He is batting .374 and has 20 games left to reach the 84-year-old major league record of 257 hits, set by George Sisler of the St. Louis Browns.

Meche outpitched Derek Lowe (14-11) to improve to 4-1 with a 3.45 ERA in nine starts since being recalled from Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League on July 30. The teams split four games, ending Boston's streak of seven straight series victories.

Athletics 1, Indians 0: Barry Zito (11-10) struck out 10 for the first time since May 27 last year at Minnesota, and Erubiel Durazo hit his career-high 22nd homer, a second-inning drive off Jake Westbrook (12-8).

Zito (11-10) had not reached double digits in strikeouts since fanning 10 at Minnesota on May 27, 2003. He had struck out nine twice this season.

After the A's rallied to win 5-4 Saturday on consecutive eighth-inning home runs by rookies Bobby Crosby and Nick Swisher, Zito gave Oakland one of his best performances this year, allowing four hits in seven scoreless innings.

The A's maintained a two-game AL West lead over Anaheim, which beat the Chicago White Sox 11-0. Oakland plays its final 20 games against teams in the division, beginning with a four-game set against Texas.

Chris Hammond, Chad Bradford and Octavio Dotel completed the six-hit shutout. Dotel pitched the ninth for his 20th save in 25 chances, striking out Coco Crisp looking to end the game with runners on first and second.

Zito struck out Crisp, Cleveland's leadoff hitter, three times and didn't allow a hit until giving up consecutive one-out singles to Ronnie Belliard and Victor Martinez in the fourth.

Montreal falls apart as Marlins storm back

By RIK GANO

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chased out of Florida by Hurricane Ivan, the Marlins rallied for six runs in the bottom of the eighth inning, taking advantage of four Montreal errors to beat the Expos 6-3 on Monday.

A small but spirited crowd announced at 4,003 transformed the home park of the Chicago White Sox into a foul-ball chaser's paradise. With the upper deck closed, most of the fans who spent \$15 for a ticket — \$5 going to hurricane relief — sat behind the dugouts and close to the field. There was a loud pro-Expos contingent, some dressed in Chicago Cubs attire.

"It'll sort of be like an exhibition game crowd," Marlins manager Jack McKeon said.

Florida, two games behind wild-card leading San Francisco, will play the Expos here again on Tuesday. The defending World Series champions hope to finish the five games with the Expos back in Miami, weather permitting.

Before Monday, the previous NL game in an AL ballpark was in 1946, when the Boston Braves played several games at Fenway Park because of a paint job on the seats at Braves Field hadn't dried.

The Expos, who know something about moving around after being a portion of their home schedule in Puerto Rico the last two years, got two runs in the first off Josh Beckett on Tony Batista's RBI groundout and a Terman Sledge triple.

Sun-Wood Kim blanked the Marlins for seven innings before Florida broke through. The Marlins were helped by errors by reliever Gary Majewski (0-1), Tony Batista at third, Juan Rivera in right and Endy Chavez in center.

Batista made an error on Miguel Cabrera as the first run scored. Majewski's error also flew tied the score, and Florida took a 4-2 lead when Rivera could pitch Alex Gonzalez's shallow fly.

Pinch-hitter Lenny Harris followed with a two-run single.

Batista homered in the ninth but it wasn't enough as Armando Benitez closed it out.

Matt Perisho(5-2) was the winner in relief.

It was supposed to be a short trip across town for the Marlins, who played four games over the weekend at Wrigley Field.

But they had to leave their downtown Chicago hotel Sunday and move to some 25 miles away in suburban Arlington Heights, making their trip to Chicago's south side an hour by bus. But that's a small inconvenience for a team playing three doubleheaders in a span of 11 days as it tries to return to the playoffs.

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Cowboys' depleted secondary
in 35-17 rout, Page 27

Broncos take Q from Griffin



Denver Broncos running back Quentin Griffin (22) slips by Kansas City Chiefs defender Shawn Barber (59) on a 25-yard touchdown run during the second quarter in Denver on Sunday night. Griffin ran for 156 yards and three touchdowns in his first game as Denver's starter in the backfield.

Successor to top RB Portis scores 3 TDs in win over Chiefs

BY JOHN MARSHALL
The Associated Press

DENVER — Quentin Griffin took off the middle, broke left to daylight and juked past a defender before racing into the end zone.

The Denver Broncos might forget about Clinton Portis after all.

Griffin ran for 156 yards and scored three touchdowns in his first game as Portis' replacement, helping the Broncos open the season with a 34-24 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday night.

"I told everybody not to worry because we have another special back," Broncos receiver Ashley Lelie said. "That's not something that surprises me or anybody in this locker room."

Denver traded Portis to Washington to get cornerback Champ Bailey, a potentially risky move because Portis ran for over 1,500 yards in each of his first two seasons.

Portis was superb in his debut with the Redskins, running for 148 yards and touchdown in a 16-10 victory over Tampa Bay. Griffin was just as good.

The 5-foot-8 scatback juked his way to touchdown runs of 25 and 47 yards and caught a 1-yard touchdown pass from Jake Plummer in the first quarter.

Griffin even did Portis one better, breaking his team record for most yards on opening day. Portis had 120 last year, though Griffin isn't ready to take over Portis' self-proclaimed title of "world's greatest running back."

"I don't think I'm ready for that," Griffin said. "Clinton is a very good running back. I don't think I'm the one to compare myself to him."

Bailey made the trade look even better. He tipped away a pass to Tony Gonzalez in the second quarter on the first ball thrown in his direction, and intercepted another just before halftime when Trent Green scrambled and tried throw over his head. Bailey even got involved in the offense, lining up for a handful of plays and catching an 11-yard pass in the first half.

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Owens,
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for 3 TDs
as Eagles
shred
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